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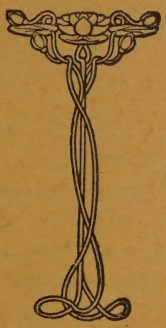

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Nicosia, Cyprus—

Calvin McCarroll, M. D., and wife; Miss Lola Weir; Miss Ada M. Wilson.

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Rev. Julius A. Kempf and wife; Rev. R. C. Adams and wife; Rev. Jesse C. Mitchel and wife; Miss M. Edna Wallace, M. D.; Miss Jean M. Barr.

Canton Medical Missionary Union, Canton, South China—

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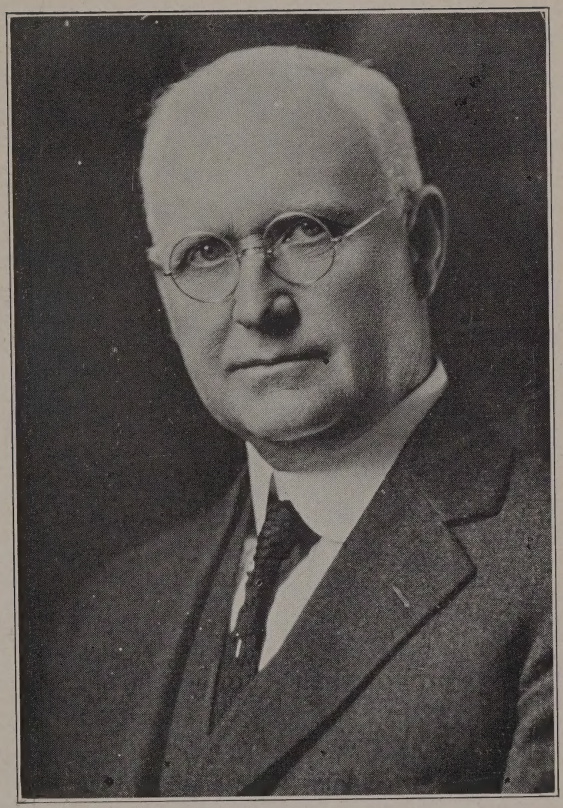

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WINONA LAKE, INDIANA, June 6, 1923.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America met pursuant to adjournment in the Christian Temple at the above place and date, at ten a. m. The retiring Moderator, J. R. W. Stevenson, preached the opening sermon from the words, "Fear not little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom," Luke 12:32, after which he constituted the court with prayer.

In the absence of the Clerk, the Assistant Clerk served in that capacity, and T. M. Slater was appointed Assistant Clerk, pro tem. The roll was completed, called, and is as follows:

ROLL

Ministers Elders	Congregation	Attend. Record T—Tardy X—Excused								
Acheson, T. H.	Pittsburgh	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Adams, J. M.	Sterling	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Aikin, W. A.	Without charge	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Allen, F. E.	Winnipeg	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Allen, W. C.	Rehoboth, Iowa	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bell, Jas. R.	2nd Philadelphia	*	*	*	*	*	*	T	*	X
Blair, R. A.	Parnassus	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Blair, T. W.	New Castle	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X
Boggs, S. R.	3rd Philadelphia							*	*	*

Bole, R. J.	2nd New York	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X
Buck, Scott	Eskridge			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Campbell, R. J.	Utica					*	*	*	*	X	X
Carson, James	Denver	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X
Carson, M. K.	Sparta		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Carson, S. O.	Rehoboth, Iowa	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Clarke, Robert	Geneva College			*	*	*	*	T	*	X	X
Coleman, Geo. S.	Hopkinton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Coleman, J. M.	Witness Lecturer	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Coleman, John	Geneva College			*	*	T	*	*	*	*	*
Coleman, Paul	Long Branch	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Coleman, W. J.	Allegheny	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Conner, S. G.	Millers Run	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crooks, E. A.	New Castle	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cummings, T. Z.	Sharon			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Davis, S. R.	Princeton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Downie, R. M.	College Hill		*	T	*	*	T	*	*	*	T	*
Edgar, G. A.	Without charge		*	X	*	*	X	*	X	X	X	X
Edgar, Samuel	Eskridge		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Elliott, D. C.	Superior		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Elliott, D. H.	Fo'd. M'm't Sec.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Elsey, E. M.	Cincinnati		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	T
Esler, Wm.	Wilkinsburg		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Faris, Isaiah	Without charge		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ferguson, W. O.	Denison		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Finley, J. R.	Old Bethel		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Finley, J. T.	Sparta		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Forsythe, J. B.	United Miami		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Foster, F. M.	3rd New York		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Foster, H. G.	Bellefontaine		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Foster, J. M.	2nd Boston		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X
Gault, J. K.	Cambridge		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gilmore, J. B.	La Junta		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Greer, G. N.	Santa Ana		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Greer, S. E.	1st Philadephia				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Groves, O. S.	Rehoboth, Pa.		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Harding, A. J.	Montclair		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X
Hargrave, R.	United Miami						*	*	*	*	*	*
Henning, J. M.	Southfield		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Jackson, Samuel	1st Philadelphia		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X
Johnston, J. M.	Connellsville		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Johnston, A. A.	Geneva College				*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X
Joseph, T. J.	Hopkinton		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kennedy, J. R.	Bloomington		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kilpatrick, A.	Union & Pine C'k				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Kingston, S. F.	Selma		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	T	*
Latimer, J. R.	Lochiel						*	*	*	*	*	X
Lee, J. Ren	Clarinda		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lerch, Andrew	Connellsville		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Logan, A. A.	Hetherton		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Luney, Robert	Oakdale		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
McAlister, Richard	Topeka			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
McBurney, J. H.	Millers Run				*	*	*	*	*	*	T	*

McBurney, W. J.	Orlando			*	*	*	*	*	X	X		
McCarroll, Walter	2nd New York	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	*	*		
McCune, James	Without charge	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
McDonald, P. J.	Chicago	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X		
McElhinney, J. G.	Without charge	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
McElroy, J. J.	Quinter	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X		
McElwain, T. A.	Without charge	*	T	T	*	*	*	*	*	X		
McFall, Thomas	Cornwallis	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
McFarland, William	Without charge	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
McFeeters, J. C.	Without charge	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X		
McGaw, J. S.	Natl. Ref'rm Sec.								*	T	T	
McIsaac, R. J.	Southern Mission	*	T	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
McKee, Geo. A.	Allegheny	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
McKnight, E. L.	East End	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
McKnight, R. J. G.	Theo. Seminary	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X		
McKnight, T. C.	Geneva College	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
McKnight, W. J.	1st Boston	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X		
McLaury, G. G.	Coldenham	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
McMillan, M. S.	Clarinda				*	*	*	*	*	*		
Martin, D. B.	Sharon	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Martin, J. S.	Natl. R'f'm Supt.	*	*	*	*	*	*	T	T	*	*	
Martin, R. H.	Natl. Refo'm Sec.	*	*	*	*	T	*	*	T	X	X	
Mathews, D. C.	New Alexandria			*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Mearns, J. H.	Beulah	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Mitchell, E. C.	Quinter	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Mitchell, J. T.	Rehoboth, Pa.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Mitchel, W. W.	Winchester			*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Moore, Jas. E.	Chicago	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X	
Park, David W. (sub)	2nd New York										*	
Park, Robert	Geneva College				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Patterson, H. G.	Morning Sun	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Patterson, S. C.	New Alexandria				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Patton, E. K.	Winchester	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Pearce, M. M.	Without charge	*	*	*	*	*	*	T	*	*	X	
Piper, R. W.	Belle Center	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Pollock, Andrew	Bear R'n & M'h'g	*	T	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	
Pritchard, J. H.	White Lake	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Pullinger, C. N.	Geneva	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Rambo, R. M.	Belle Center	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Reade F. F.	Youngstown	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Redpath, R. C.	Olathe			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Redpath, R. W.	College Hill	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	*		
Reed, J. G.	Stafford	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Reed, R. C.	Cen. Allegheny	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Robb, G. M.	Bloomington	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Robb, J. K.	Princeton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Robb, W. G.	Washington	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Ross, Walter	1st Boston	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X		
Rutherford, J. M.	Almonte	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Sanderson, W. J.	York	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Slater, J. C.	Geneva	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X		
Slater, T. M.	Montclair	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
Steele, G. R.	Sterling	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		

Steele, Jas. F.	Pittsburgh	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X
Steele, R. A. M.	East End	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sterrett, S. A.	Union	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Stevenson, J. R. W.	Hebron	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Stewart, F. L.	2d Philadelphia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Stewart, J. S.	Foreign Mission	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Swank, A. J.	Parnassus	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Taggart, D. R.	Topeka	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X	X
Thompson, A. M.	Without charge	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Thompson, O. F.	Old Bethel	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Thompson, W. T. K.	Mercer			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Tomb, R. I.	Seattle	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Torrens, Jas. (sub)	Chicago									*	
Tweed, J. Boyd	Beaver Falls	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wallace, R. Boyd	Stafford	*	*	*	*	T	*	*	*	*	X
White, Boyd A.	Walton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Willson, J. B.	Wilkinsburg	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Willson, Oliver	Morning Sun	*	*	T	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wilson, F. M.	3d Philadelphia	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wylie, A. A.	Syracuse	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	X	X
Wylie, J. M.	Oakdale	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Wylie, J. R.	Natl. R'f'm Sec.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	T	*	*
Wylie, R. C.	Theo. Seminary	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Young, R. G.	Little Beaver					*	*	*	*	*	X

Ministers present, 88; Elders, 51; total, 139. Congregations represented by both minister and elder, 38; by minister alone, 26; by elder alone, 11; total 75.

Ministers absent—R. C. Adams, T. J. Allen, David Calderwood, W. W. Carithers, J. W. F. Carlisle, Chas. T. Carson, S. J. Crowe, J. F. Crozier, J. W. Dill, C. A. Dodds, R. J. Dodds, J. D. Edgar, D. Bruce Elsey, F. D. Frazer, W. S. Fulton, M. R. Jameson, Julius Kempf, A. J. Khouri, G. R. McBurney, W. C. McClurkin, H. G. McConaughy, R. S. McElhinney, A. J. McFarland, H. B. McMillan, W. M. McNeel, J. C. Mitchel, J. L. Pinkerton, A. I. Robb, W. M. Robb, T. A. Rusk, E. G. Russell, A. A. Samson, B. M. Sharp, Alvin W. Smith, T. C. Sproull, J. S. Thompson, John Yates. Total 37.

Congregations not represented—Barnet, Billings, Bovina, Brookland, Cache Creek, Delburne, Fresno, Greeley, Hemet, Jonathan's Creek, Kansas City, Lake Reno, Lisbon, Los Angeles, Muskingum and Tomica, Newburg, New Concord, Portland, Ray, Regina, Slippery Rock, Syrian, Tabor, Vernon. Total 24.

E. A. Crooks was unanimously chosen Moderator by acclamation. D. C. Mathews was re-elected Clerk. In his absence, T. M. Slater was chosen Clerk pro tem. T. C. McKnight was named as Assistant Clerk.

The report on Devotional Exercises, submitted by the chairman of the committee, T. M. Slater, was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES

To the Moderator and Members of Synod:

Your Committee on Devotional Exercises would respectfully report the following list of subjects and leaders for our hours of worship.

Thursday, June 7th,—"Waiting Upon God."

Praise for the authority and leadership of Christ over His own House, for God's goodness in bringing us together in this meeting of Synod, for recollections of the Spirit's work among us in this place ten years ago, and for the assurance that Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

Confession that we are unable to meet the work of this Synod in our own strength, and of our sinful tendency to rely upon human wisdom and strength.

Prayer for Christ's own wisdom and guidance, that in all things His will may be done, and that He will again manifest His power to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think.

Psalm 62:5; Psalm 65:1; Acts 1:4.

J. M. Coleman, leader; alternate, F. E. Allen.

Friday, June 8th—"Confessing Our Faults."

Praise that it is the Holy Spirit's work to bring conviction, showing to us our own sinfulness, our need of cleansing, and that God is ready and willing to sanctify and bless.

Confession of unbelief concerning ourselves, of the tendency to see and judge the faults of others more than our own, and of our un-Christlikeness toward our brethren before the world.

Prayer that the spirit of self-seeking, strife and enmity may cease, that those who are alienated may become reconciled, and that greater humility and holiness may characterize us all.

James 5:16; John 14:9; John 15:4.

J. D. Edgar, leader; G. M. Robb, alternate.

Saturday, June 9th.—"Fellowship With Christ."

Praise for Christ's promise to dwell in and manifest Himself unto His friends in the fellowship of the Comforter.

Confession that we so largely ignore the Spirit's indwelling, and neglect the conditions of conscious fellowship with Christ.

Prayer that Christ himself would more fully lead us into the secret of abiding in Him, and to a fuller realization of the blessedness that is to be found in His friendship.

John 14:21; John 14:9; John 15:4.

Samuel Edgar, leader; J. B. Gilmore, alternate.

Monday, June 11th—"Our Prayer Life."

Praise for the right of approach to God in prayer through Jesus, our Mediator, for the Bible promises about prayer, for the joy of communion with the Father, and for assured answers to prayer.

Confession of our neglect of prayer, of unbelief concerning prayer, and of our prevailing spiritual poverty because we ask not.

Prayer that we may all share more fully the Spirit of grace and supplication, that our many unanswered prayers may yet be fulfilled, and that Christ would indeed teach us all to pray.

Psalm 65:2; Isaiah 62:6, 7; John 14:12-14.

F. M. Wilson, leader; F. M. Foster, alternate.

Tuesday, June 12th.—"Power For Witnessing."

Praise for the good news of the Gospel, for our own share therein, for the open doors awaiting our missionaries and lecturers, for assured ultimate success because of Christ's presence with us always.

Confession of cowardice and unfaithfulness to the truth, of our failure to always speak this in love, of worldly conformity, and of reliance more upon the energy of the flesh than upon the power of the Spirit.

Prayer for recruits for the ministry and mission service, for a fuller enlistment of the membership of the church in Christian service, for the spirit of fidelity to abide in pastorless congregations and scattered members, and that all may seek and receive the gift of the Holy Ghost as the spirit of power for service.

John 15:27; Acts 1:8; Acts 19:2.

R. J. G. McKnight, leader; D. C. Mathews, alternate.

Wednesday, June 13th,—"God's Precious Promises."

A meeting for prayer, praise, testimony, confession and consecration to Christ in view of the work before us.

2 Peter 1:4; Psalm 81:19; Rev. 22:17.

Walter McCarroll, leader; R. C. Reed, alternate.

Your Committee would also recommend that our services of worship be held, as usual, immediately following the morning roll call, and that the time allowed for this service be forty minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. SLATER,
W. C. McCLURKIN,
R. W. PIPER,
J. C. DODDS,
J. M. AIKIN.

The Clerk submitted a report of his work during the past year. The preparation of such a report received the special commendation of Synod. The item of finance was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the naming of those to prepare memorials on deceased ministers was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

CLERK'S REPORT.

In accordance with the direction of Synod, the Moderator

prepared and the Clerk sent out a Synodical letter to each of the Young People's conventions meeting last summer.

The petitions submitted by the National Reform Association and approved by Synod with reference to bills before Congress were signed by the Moderator and Clerk and duly forwarded. Acknowledgments were received from Senator Pepper and Congressman Wyant.

As directed by Synod, the Clerk has provided a suitable the statistical tables in the Minutes, inserted an attendance record, and a directory of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society.

Synod's resolution on the Near East Relief work was duly forwarded, and the thanks of the Association received.

Synod's resolution with reference to Temperance Lessons was forwarded to the International Sunday School Lesson Committee, meeting in Kansas City, Mo., but no answer was received.

The letters to the Synods of the Reformed Presbyterian churches in Scotland and Ireland were duly forwarded.

As directed by Synod, the Clerk was provided a suitable brief case for Synod's papers.

The appointment of fraternal delegates having been left in the hands of the Clerk, credentials were issued to Rev. J. M. Coleman, D. D., to represent our Synod at the meeting of the Synod in Ireland, Dr. Coleman having been sent over by the Witness Committee. Rev. Paul Coleman, the nearest minister of our church, was appointed fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Christian Reformed church meeting at Orange City, Iowa, June 21, 1922.

The Order of Business has been arranged in accordance with the Permanent Order adopted by Synod, and published in the Docket. The following assignments have been made for Conferences: Wednesday evening, The Sabbath; Thursday evening, Systematic Beneficence; Friday evening, Foreign Missions. The following Sabbath services have been arranged: Morning service, Rev. O. F. Thompson to explain the Psalm, and Rev. J. B. Gilmore to preach the sermon. Evening service, Rev. W. J. McKnight, D. D., to preach the sermon. The afternoon meeting to be arranged by the Forward Movement Secretary.

Four hundred copies of the Docket have been printed and are ready for distribution.

The Clerk has had five hundred attendance record blanks printed at an expense of $2.75.

Through an oversight, no provision was made by last Synod for the publication of the Minutes. On the advice of the Treasurer, 1200 copies were published and placed in his hands for sale.

The report on Unfinished Business has been prepared and is ready for submission at the proper time.

The following corrections in the published Minutes should be noted:

CORRECTIONS 1922 MINUTES.

1. On page 56, under "Expense Account", add name "Carithers" after "French" in "French Memorial Fund."
2. On page 62, for fifth line in second paragraph substitute the following: "ing these two months practically the whole Christian population."
3. On page 91, mention of the noon recess is omitted. Insert the following: "Synod took recess until 2 p. m., Elder D. D. Mearns leading in prayer."

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Same Place, 2:00 o'clock.

Synod reconvened at the appointed hour, was called to order by the Moderator, and led in prayer by Elder J. E. Dodds. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved."

4. The name of James McCune should appear in the statistical tables as belonging to Rochester Presbytery, without charge, instead of as pastor of Bear Run and Mahoning congregation in Pittsburg Presbytery.
5. The last three lines of financial items in the statistical table of Iowa Presbytery should each be raised one line, being those of Vernon, Washington and Rehoboth congregations respectively.
6. The name of J. C. McFeeters should be added to those of ministers without charge in the statistical table of Philadelphia Presbytery.

The deaths of the following ministers have occurred since the last meeting of Synod, removing their names from the roll:

Rev. P. P. Boyd, November 14, 1922.
Rev. J. Ralston Wylie, February 10. 1923.
Rev. R. E. Willson, February 18, 1923.
Rev. I. A. Blackwood, Ph. D., March 13, 1923.
Rev. S. B. Houston, March 18. 1923.

Respectfully submitted.
D. C. MATHEWS, Clerk.

Presbyteries were granted leave to hold meetings during the intervals of Synod.

The retiring Moderator's sermon was requested for publication.

A severe storm rendering it impossible to proceed with business, Synod united in singing the 29th Psalm.

The report on Unfinished Business as published in the Docket was taken up.

Item 1. Not attended to.
2. Attended to.
3. No report. Referred to the Forward Movement Secretary.

4. Committee reported progress, and was continued, with the substitution of the name of J. T. Mitchell for that of R. J. G. McKnight.
5. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.
6. Reported progress and the Committee continued.
7. Referred for consideration to a special committee to report to this Synod. The naming of this committee was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The hours of meeting were fixed from 8:45 a. m. till noon, and from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m.

Synod took recess until 2:00 p. m., being led in prayer by Elder R. A. M. Steele.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Same Place, 2:00 o'clock.

Synod reconvened, was called to order by the Moderator, and led in prayer by Elder J. M. Adams. The roll was called. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of Synod's Board of Trustees was read by J. S. Tibby and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was read by its Corresponding Secretary, F. M. Wilson, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The report of the Board of Home Missions was read by E. L. McKnight and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The report of the Jewish Mission Board was read by Frank L. Stewart and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The report of the Board of Control was read by H. G. Patterson. The report was approved, and the filling of vacancies referred to the Committee on Nominations.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Board of Control would respectfully report: Since the last meeting of Synod your Board has held one regular, one special and two informal meetings. At the regular meeting held October 10, 1922, at the home of J. P. Baird the following officers were elected: President, S. O. Carson; secretary, H. G. Patterson; assistant secretary, W. G. Robb.

A statement from the treasurer of the church showed that there were the following amounts at the disposal of the Board:

Ministerial Relief Fund_____$ 446.17
Widows' and Orphans' Fund_____ 1604.21
Students' Fund_____ 1.22

Had it not so happened that the Synod's Board of Trustees had a special bequest on hand just at that time, part of which they turned into these funds to meet the emergency, those depending on these funds would have been in sore need during the year.

Twenty-four applications for assistance came before the Board. Ten from ministers, nine from widows and orphans, and five from students of theology. After careful consideration of all of these applications, appropriations were made in varying sum to each of them, the totals aggregating from the

Ministerial Relief Fund_____$3050.00
Widows' and Orphans' Fund_____ 2400.00
Students' Aid Fund_____ 2203.50

The Secretary was appointed to represent the Board on Synod's Co-ordinating Committee.

The time for which O. L. Samson and A. F. Reid were elected has expired and their successors should be elected at this meeting of Synod.

The matter of raising $25,000.00 for the Ministerial Relief Fund for this year and of increasing the Endowment for the same, which was turned over to the Board of Control at last Synod was considered at a special meeting held in the Sharon church, August 15th, 1922. The church was divided by Presbyteries and a number of men were asked to canvass the congregations in these presbyteries in the interest of this fund. The members of the Board of Control and some others were asked to prepare advertising matter and write articles for the Christian Nation presenting the needs of Ministerial Relief.

Most of the men appointed faithfully performed their task but some of them waited till near the end of the year before undertaking it, in order that the church might recover from the heavy drain made upon it by the drive for funds for Geneva College. On that account returns from the effort are not yet all in. Up to April 28th, the Treasurer had received $961.00 for the Current Account and $561.00 for the Endowment Fund. It is hoped that those who have not canvassed the congregations assigned to them will do so in the near future and that when the returns are all in the showing will be much better.

H. G. PATTERSON,
Secretary of Board.

G. A. Edgar was granted optional attendance and excused from obligation to the Traveling Fund.

Consideration of the report on Unfinished Business was resumed.

Item 8. No call for service.

9. Attended to: The results were ordered printed in in the Appendix of the Minutes for consideration at next Synod.

10. Made first order of business for Monday morning.
11. Attended to.
12. The Proposed Terms of Communion were laid on the table for the present, and a committee, to be named by the Committee on Nominations, was appointed to consider the advisability of revising the wording of our present Terms.
26. Attended to: The Committee reported a program for the evening conference on the Sabbath.

Synod adjourned with prayer by Samuel Edgar, to meet tomorrow morning at 8:45.

THURSDAY FORENOON

Same Place, 8:45 o'clock.

Synod met according to adjournment, was called to order by the Moderator, and by him constituted with prayer. The roll was called. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Synod by W. J. McBurney on behalf of the Ladies Missionary Society of Orlando congregation. It was accepted with the thanks of Synod.

A telegram of congratulations from the New Castle congregation to the Moderator was read by the Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

COMMITTEES OF SYNOD.

Nominations—
R. A. Blair
Robt. Clarke
R. W. Piper
Andrew Lerch
Wm. Esler

Finance—
F. F. Reade
H. G. Patterson
F. E. Allen
G. A. McKee
John Finley

Foreign Missions—
J. R. W. Stevenson
J. K. Robb
E. C. Mitchell
J. J. McElroy
J. M. Adams

National Reform—
M. M. Pearce
R. W. Redpath
J. B. Gilmore
J. R. Finley
T. J. Joseph

Seminary—
R. C. Reed
M. S. McMillan
S. E. Greer
R. M. Downie
James Carson

Time and Place of Meeting—
E. M. Elsey
W. G. Robb
G. R. Steele
W. W. Mitchel
R. A. M. Steele

Home Missions—
P. J. McDonald
G. S. Coleman
R. C. Reed
T. W. Blair
J. A. Swank

Discipline—
R. C. Wylie
W. O. Ferguson
H. G. Foster
S. R. Davis
R. J. Bole

Traveling Fund—
J. G. Reed and
Agents of Presbyteries

Geneva College—
F. M. Wilson
A. A. Wylie
R. H. Martin
J. Ren Lee
R. C. Redpath

Supplies—
D. R. Taggart
E. L. McKnight
A. M. Thompson
R. B. Wallace
C. N. Pullinger

The following papers were presented:

No. 1. A memorial from Wilkinsburg congregation, transferred by Pittsburgh Presbytery: Read and referred to the Committee on Discipline.

No. 2. A resolution adopted by Pittsburgh Presbytery and referred to Synod: Read and referred to the Witness Committee to report at this meeting of Synod.

No. 3. A communication from the Near East Relief: Read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions. A request from the Near East Relief Association for the privilege of sending a representative to address the Synod was referred to the Foreign Mission Board.

No. 4. The Minutes of the Commission of the Mission in China: Read and ordered engrossed on the Minutes of Synod.

MINUTES OF THE CHINA COMMISSION.

Lo Ting, Kwongtung, China, January 11, 1923.

The Commission was called to order and constituted with prayer by the moderator, W. M. Robb.

Members present: W. M. Robb, J. A. Kempf, E. J. M. Dickson, R. C. Adams.

J. A. Kempf was elected Moderator and R. C. Adams Clerk.

Brief reports were given by the Moderators of the Lo Ting and Tak Hing sessions.

It was moved that the Commission approve of the list of native evangelists recommended by the Council and proceed to the licensure of those selected to preach at the various stations.

Moved that the Commission approve the judgment of the Che Tsai congregation and advise them to strike the offenders' names from the roll.

Minutes were read and adopted.

The Commission was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator.

J. A. KEMPF, Moderator.
R. C. ADAMS, Clerk.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was eliminated and its duties assigned to the Moderator.

Synod listened with much appreciation to the reading of fraternal letters of greeting from the Synods of the Scotch and Irish churches. These were referred to the Moderator for answer.

Robert Clarke, J. G. McElhinney, and Elder James Carson were named fraternal delegates to bear the greetings of Synod to the Synods and churches in Ireland and Scotland.

The report of the Board of Managers having in charge the Aged People's Home was read, approved and is as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS OF AGED PEOPLE'S HOME.

To the Moderator and Members of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—The Board of Managers of the Home for the Aged would respectfully report:

In comparing the events and work of the year just closing with other years, we are impressed with the continued goodness of our Heavenly Father to the work in this corner of His vineyard. All the loving kindnesses enjoyed during previous years were manifested in great measure during this year.

While there has been some illness among the members of the Home, the proportion has been less than that prevalent generally, and although much of the illness on the outside has been fatal, from the members of the Home but three: Miss Mary Watson, Miss Dorothy Guthrie and Miss Catherine Staire have been removed.

The membership of the Home has been increased by the arrival of Miss Jane Edgar, Miss Kate Eayre, Mrs. Rachel Hays and Mrs. Jennie Morris. Arrangements had been made for the admission of Mrs Anna Shaffer, but she answered the call to come up higher before coming to our midst.

The removal of Miss Amy Moffitt and Mrs. Etta K. McKee from their work on our board, in which they displayed so much interest, and were so useful, is a cause of great sorrow to us. Of both of these fellow-workers it may be truly said: "She hath done what she could."

The consideration of the church and the neighborhood for the Home is constantly manifested, but especially on the occasion of our reception and donation day, when both money and large quantities of useful provisions are freely contributed.

Since the opening of the home in 1897, ninety-one persons representing thirty-four congregations, have been admitted. The present membership numbers twenty-seven.

A greatly needed improvement was completed this year

when the rickety wooden steps and badly worn walk were replaced by well constructed concrete steps and walk, which not only add to the safety of members and visitors to the home, but improve the appearance considerably.

We were cheered by the addition to the roll of life directorship of the name of Mrs. Henry O'Neill by her grandson, Henry O'Neill Tibby. Rev. D. C. and Mrs. Mathews were made honorary members by Mrs. Mary E. Beattie, and Mrs. Florence Willock by Mr. John R. Gregg. And to the list of life members were added the names of Mrs. W. P. McDonald, Miss Anna J. Wilson, Miss Mary E. Boyd by Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Boyd; Mrs. M. W. Leslie by Mrs. H. A. Fisher, and your Recording Secretary by Mrs. John T. Morton.

Notwithstanding the great demands made upon them in their regular practice by the unusual amount of illness prevalent, the capable staff of physicians connected with the Home have responded promptly and given freely of their services, and we are grateful to Drs. McNaugher, Brown, Martin, Lacock, and Russell for their labor of love.

Each Sabbath evening a number of the members attend the Young People's prayer meeting of Allegheny congregation, which is held in the home, occasionally take part and always enjoy it.

Rev. T. C Sproull, Dr. W. J. Coleman and Prof. John Coleman, each favored the home with carefully prepared discourses.

In addition to the Thanksgiving services of Allegheny congregation, the annual Thanksgiving exercises were conducted by Dr. T. H. Acheson.

The selection of Mrs. Anna E. McKittrick as matron to succeed Miss Etta Jamison, has proven most satisfactory, and we owe much to her and her assistants for the high degree of comfort and cheerfulness maintained at the home.

MRS. T. H. MARTIN, Secretary.

The report of the Witness Committee was read by R. J. G. McKnight and taken up item by item for consideration. J. M. Coleman was given fifteen minutes to speak of his work as the Committee's Lecturer in Colleges and Seminaries. The filling of vacancies on the Committee was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE WITNESS COMMITTEE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church: The Witness Committee would respectfully report:

Strict economy has been the watchword of the Witness Committee during the past year. We began the year with a $2,020.18 deficit. The budget in the early months of the Synodical year promised little in the way of income. Consequently the work of the year has been confined to such enterprises as called for the least expenditure.

Our Lecturer.

At the time of the meeting of last Synod an urgent call came from the brethren of the Irish Synod for one of our ministers to visit the congregations across the water. The Committee laid the invitation before Dr. J. M. Coleman and he consented to undertake the mission. Dr. Coleman arrived in Ireland on July 25, 1922 and returned to this country on December 27, 1922. Through the press the church has been informed of the success of his mission. Letters from pastors and leading laymen testify that Dr. Coleman's visit was a shower of blessing. The result of his visit is that the Covenanters across the sea have taken hold of the work with new courage and with greater enthusiasm. Under his direction a C. Y. P. U. was formed. The interest of the young people was aroused, Young People's societies were formed in almost every congregation, and the latest reports inform us that these are growing in membership every week.

In the light of the results that are apparent and of those that may be latent, the Committee feels that the visit of Dr. Coleman to Ireland was the wisest possible investment of his time.

Immediately upon his return to this country, Dr. Coleman resumed his work in the colleges and seminaries. The full course of lectures was given in Marion, Taylor University, Huntington, North Manchester, Findlay, Heidelberg, Mt. Union, Thiel, Illinois Woman's College, Adrian, Defiance, and in our own Seminary. Single addresses were given in other colleges and high schools.

Dr. Coleman, writing of his work in the colleges, says: "The effect depends on the moral and spiritual conditions in the college. The worst college in my experience, as far as effect is concerned, was the one with the worst moral conditions. I find also that desirable moral and spiritual conditions are as a rule, in inverse proportion to its athletic activities. I do not think that is necessary, but it seems to have very few exceptions. I do not know of a college with a winning football team, which means professionalism in Pennsylvania, which has a good religious life. I think that the efforts of the Witness Committee should be given to the small denominations."

Distribution of Literature.

The distribution of tracts is a quiet but effective way of bringing our distinctive principles to the attention of a select class of readers. Dr. W. J. Coleman took almost entire charge of this branch of the work during the past year. A stenographer was engaged for a limited time and within a period of fifteen weeks upwards of twenty thousand letters were sent out. These letters were sent mainly to the different branches of the Presbyterian and the Lutheran churches.

Four thousand letters contained literature on Psalmody and the remainder on the Christian Amendment. Those on Psalmody were sent to United Presbyterians and Presbyterians, until we had sent all we had in stock. No reply cards were sent

with them, but we received quite a number of replies, some criticising our position and some inquiring where Psalm books could be procured. A few requested a supply of tracts. People have not ceased to think of the Psalms as the matter of praise, but there seems to be very little active interest in the question in any church. The trend is still away from the Psalms.

Reply cards were sent with about 6,000 enclosures on the Christian Amendment and 530 favorable answers were received in which pastors agreed to preach on the Amendment, or on National Repentance, if additional literature was sent. This, of course, was done promptly.

Others seem to hold that all religion belongs to the church and that it is out of place in the state. The replies indicated that the writers were much more concerned about the rights of the unbeliever in this country than about the rights of the Redeemer. The more devout exhorted us to cease raising questions about what did not concern the salvation of men, and to preach the gospel to dying souls. They seemed to have little or no conception of the moral influence of the state, or of its responsibility to God. The text they constantly quote is, "My kingdom is not of this world," and they interpret it to mean that Jesus Christ has nothing to do with politics, and that it is a waste of time and money and a profanation of the Christian religion to urge that any recognition of Christ or Christianity be made in civil affairs.

One cannot but feel deeply, as he reads these letters, how much remains to be done before the people of the United States are ready to accept the authority and law of Jesus Christ over this world and in particular over its political life. If the question whether the world is growing better or worse were to be decided by its attitude toward the distinctive principles of the Covenanter Church, the answer would not be a comforting one.

But it seems to us all-important to keep these questions to the front and to raise them in the mind of every Christian minister in this country, and if possible to do it in some form every year. It is said that a question clearly asked is half answered. We can make the question clear.

We have secured reprints of some of our standard tracts in lots of ten thousand.

The Rev. Owen F. Thompson has prepared a very valuable booklet entitled, "Scotland Through Her Character Windows." This work is a brief resume of the history of our church in catechetical form and is designed to meet the needs of our young people. The Witness Committee has undertaken the publication of this little book in the hope that it will revive the interest of the young people in the lives of Covenanters who have contended for the faith. We should be glad to have every pastor cooperate with us in putting this booklet into the hands of the young people throughout the church and in securing for it a place in the studies of the young people for the coming year.

Because of the depleted condition of the treasury during the greater part of the year no paid advertising was contracted for, although, when the funds warrant it, we consider this one of the very best methods of getting our literature into the hands of those who will give it a sympathetic reading.

The Rev. Paul Coleman directed a campaign to secure a recognition of Christ in the new state constitution of Missouri. Dr. J. M. Wylie also took a deep interest in this campaign.

The Office.

The room in the Martin Building on the North Side, which the Committee has occupied for the last few years, was given up on May 1. The rent asked was beyond our ability to pay. The Allegheny Congregation has generously offered us room in the new church building which they are just completing on the hill. This will result in a saving of about $600 a year.

Synod understands, of course, that the amount of work done by this Committee is limited only by the funds placed at our disposal.

Recommendations.

1. We recommend that J. M. Coleman be reappointed lecturer for the coming year on the same terms as last year.
2. That J. M. Coleman be heard for fifteen minutes during the discussion of this report.

R. J. G. McKNIGHT, Chairman.

The name of the Board of Sustentation and Church Extension was changed to the Board of Home Missions and Sustentation.

The report of the Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary was read by J. B. Willson, who also submitted the draft of a Constitution for the Theological Seminary drawn up by a committee appointed by the Board. Both were referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College.

It was resolved that no financial aid be given theological students not attending our own Seminary, without specific direction of Synod.

The work of the Committee on Theological Seminary and Geneva College was divided for this Synod, a separate commttee to be appointed for each.

M. K. Carson submitted the report of the Temperance Committee. The recommendations were considered and adopted item by item. The filling of vacancies was referred to the Committee on Nominations. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:

The Permanent Committee on Temperance would respectfully report that the work has been carried on along the same lines as it has been these past years, but not so extensively, not because the need of such a committee is past, but because of a change in chairmen.

Temperance material such as posters, pledges, stickers and leaflets has been sent out from Apache and Sparta. The posters, pledges and stickers are ones which have been used in past years. We have a good supply of stickers. We urge a more extensive use of these.

A small leaflet giving some suggestions for anti-tobacco meetings was mailed out to the sessions of the church. Dr. Carithers after studying this question for years has given us some very practical suggestions for conducting these meetings. But it will take time, strength, perseverance, and enthusiasm to carry out these suggestions, for as a general rule the tobacco question is not popular in the community. It is, however, a very important one and we must make some sacrifice and effort to decrease the use of tobacco. People as a rule do not realize the far reaching influences of this poison. An extensive campaign of education must be carried on at least among the young people. We feel we should use every means to crystallize the sentiment among the people against the use of tobacco in any form. We must not only instruct the youth concerning the great sin of using tobacco but also lead tobacco users to see the error of their way and repent.

The aim of each session should be to make the congregation one hundred per cent strong against the use of tobacco. Then our church would be in a position to testify against this form of intemperance. We should strengthen our position. Let us make our witnessing consistent.

This is a very practical problem because the use of tobacco among the members of a congregation affects the standing of the congregation spiritually, mentally, physically and financially. How much wealth has gone to the tobacco interests this past year from the members of the Covenanter church? Has the use of tobacco among our members had any effect upon our budget this year? How many Covenanter boys have been handicapped in the race of life because they began the use of tobacco this past year? "'For thy sake, tobacco, I would do anything but die,' said Charles Lamb in his famous farewell to tobacco. He had come to the point where life must be sacrificed or tobacco given up." How much longer can we as a church tolerate this expensive, filthy and sinful habit?

The prohibition movement is making progress, still we must not give up our fight, for it will take many years yet, before we are on safe ground. Three factors make the situation serious. First, in many places the public officials are not in sympathy with the movement or are indifferent to it; second,

many of the newspapers are spreading anti-prohibition propaganda; third, the apathy of the church people. Perhaps the most critical days are ahead. The next ten years will likely determine the prohibition cause. The world is watching the results of prohibition in our land. The churches created the public opinion which made possible the 18th Amendment. The churches must continue this work until prohibition is a reality in our land.

We recommend:

(1). That sessions in connection with the Sabbath schools and Young People's societies consider the feasibility of holding anti-tobacco meetings in the various congregations and communities.

(2). That the Temperance Committee and the Secretary of the Forward Movement working together put on a two weeks' drive in our congregations and communities.

(3). That sessions urge a greater use of the temperance stickers.

(4). The term for which W. S. Moore was appointed has expired and his successor should be chosen.

MELVILLE K. CARSON.

The Committee was instructed to prepare a letter of commendation to President Harding for his stand with reference to the enforcement of the prohibitory laws, the letter to be signed and forwarded by the officers of Synod.

Synod took recess until 2:00 p. m., prayer by Elder C. N. Pullinger.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Same Place, 2:00 o'clock.

Synod reconvened at the appointed hour, was called to order by the Moderator, and led in prayer by Elder R. C. Redpath. The roll was called, the minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved.

The naming of members to write letters of sympathy was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The following visiting ministers were extended the courtesies of the floor: Dr. J. C. Breckenridge, Secretary of the Winona Association; Dr. W. B. Statz, Methodist Episcopal; Rev. Mr. Miller, Christian; Rev. W. E. Caldwell, Dr. J. A. Gordon, Dr. P. E. Zartman, Dr. F. M. Palmer, Willis Haymaker, Ev. W. H. Collisson, and Dr. M. H. Lyon, Presbyterian; G. H. Meinardi, Moody church; Rev. J. W. Dees, Methodist Episcopal; Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Van Dyke, Brethren. Dr. Breckenridge extended the greetings and welcome of the Winona Association to the Synod.

The report of the Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association was submitted by its Treasurer, Mrs. Agnes E. Steele, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Covenanter members of the Executive Committee of the National Reform Association was read by R. H. Martin and referred to the Committee on National Reform.

The report of the Financial Agent for National Reform was submitted by J. S. Tibby and referred to the Committee on National Reform.

The reports of Treasurer Jos. M. Steele were referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Board of Church Erection was submitted by S. E. Greer, approved and referred to the Committees on Finance and Nominations.

The report on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 13. The Committee reported; the report was approved and is as follows: The Committee to suggest revision of certain sections of the Testimony would respectfully report that the work has not been completed and would request that the report be deferred until next year.

R. J. G. McKNIGHT.
R. C. WYLIE.
J. M. COLEMAN.

Item 14. No report.
15. The Board reported negotiations proceding, and the appointment was continued.
16. Attended to by Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary.
17. Attended to in part.
18. Campaign still in progress.
19. In hands of Committee on Finance.
20. The Committee submitted the following report, which was approved, and the naming of a new committee to carry on the work was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COVENANTER SOLDIER'S COLONY.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, to meet at Winona Lake, Indiana, June 6, 1923:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—Your committee appointed to make investigations as to the possibility of the establishment of a Covenanter Soldier's Colony in connection with proposed con-

struction work to be done on the Colorado river would respectfully report, that while it seems certain that the work will be finally undertaken, and that when undertaken will offer inviting opportunities for the establishing of such a colony, it did not reach the point during the year that seemed to call for any action by the Committee. The Committee has kept close watch of all developments in connection with the proposition, and has held itself ready to act as soon as anything definite would be determined upon in regard to the work.

We therefore recommend that a Committee be continued under instructions similar to those given to the present Committee, to report to the Synod at its next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. THOMPSON.
GEO. E. BERGEN.
RENWICK S. McCLOY.

Item 21. Report was submitted by R. C. Wylie. It was approved and is as follows:

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO ATTEND THE TWELFTH COUNCIL OF THE ALLIANCE OF THE REFORMED CHURCHES, TO MEET IN CARDIFF, WALES, IN THE YEAR 1925.

Carrying out the instructions given by the Synod of 1922, we communicated with the Rev E. P. Jones, pastor of the congregation in whose church the Twelfth Council of the Presbyterian Alliance is to meet, with respect to the plans of the local Committee on Arrangements, with special reference to the praise service.

His attention was directed to the following facts: The tacit understanding that nothing was to be introduced which violated the conscientious scruples of the constituent churches; the uniform custom from the first down to the meeting of the Eleventh Council in Pittsburgh in 1921; the resolution by this council declaring that while the plans for the praise service are to be left in the hands of the local committee, this committee should arrange this service "with all due regard to the conscientious requirements of the constituent churches." (Proceedings of the Eleventh Council, p. 178).

Mr. Jones replied that "the local committee to make arrangements for the 1925 Council has not been set up." Continuing, he writes further, "I may say however that if the custom of the Presbyterian Churches in Wales and England be followed (and, personally, I find it difficult to believe that it will not be), hymns and Psalms with instrumental accompaniment will form a regular feature of all the sessions of the Council. I am, of course, but speaking for myself and basing the judgment upon my experience in South Wales for the last twenty years." This letter is dated, May 1st, 1923.

It is our purpose to continue our correspondence with Mr. Jones until we are notified of the appointment of the local committee when we will take the matter up with them and with the delegates appointed by other Psalm singing churches.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. WYLIE.
ROBT. A. M. STEELE.

Item 22. Pending consideration of this item, the time for adjournment arrived. Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8:45, prayer by F. M. Foster.

FRIDAY FORENOON.

Same Place, 8:45 o'clock.

Synod met at the appointed hour, was called to order by the Moderator, and constituted with prayer by W. T. K. Thompson. The roll was called. Devotional exercises were conducted by G. M. Robb. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

J. S. Tibby presented his report as Treasurer of the Literary Fund. It was referred to the Committee on Finance.

A request from the Foreign Board for the privilege of receiving contributions above the Budget was referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Foreign Mission Board requested Synod to give a pronouncement on the standing as Presbyters of the ordained native men in Syria. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Homer Rodeheaver was presented to the Court and heard with much pleasure..

The Presbyteries submitted their reports. Those of Colorado, Illinois, Iowa and Philadelphia Presbyteries were approved without reference. Those of Central Canada, Kansas, New York, Ohio, Pittsburgh and Rochester Presbyteries were approved and referred to the Committee on Supplies. A report of Pacific Coast Presbytery submitted by the members in attendance at Synod, but not regularly adopted by the Presbytery, was approved and referred to the Committee on Supplies. The statement of Thomas McFall with reference to N. B. and N. S. Presbytery was approved and referred to the Committee on Discipline. The reports follow:

PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS

CENTRAL CANADA.

The Presbytery of Central Canada would respectfully report:

There are four congregations under our care. One only of these has a pastor. Delburne has not been able to secure any preaching during the past year. Regina and Lake Reno have been able to secure supplies only a part of the time.

At a meeting of the Interim Commission held at Regina, December 21st, 1922, a call from the Lake Reno congregation made upon W. C. McClurkin was received. It was sustained as a regular gospel call and ordered to be sent to Mr. McClurkin. It was declined.

W. C. McClurkin at his own request, was transferred to the Pittsburgh Presbytery, April 13th, 1923.

F. E. Allen was appointed to attend the Mission Conference. S. R. McKelvey was appointed a member of the co-ordinating committee. F. E. Allen is chairman of our committee on supplies.

We request the full time of two laborers for the ensuing year. Our statistical report was forwarded to the stated clerk in due time. Our traveling fund is paid in full.

Respectfully submitted,
S. R. McKELVEY, Clerk.

COLORADO.

Colorado Presbytery would respectfully report:

We held one regular meeting and two special meetings during the year. The Interim Commission held one meeting.

We have three congregations under our care and six ministers on our roll. All the congregations have settled pastors. Samuel Edgar was certified at his own request to Kansas Presbytery; J. G. McElhinney was received from Kansas Presbytery, and D. Calderwood from the Pacific Coast Presbytery, all on September 21, 1922. The latter was on the same date installed as pastor of the Denver congregation. A. I. Robb is living at Van Nuys, California. H. B. McMillan is still a mission secretary of the American Sabbath School Union, and is working in Weld County, Colorado.

J. B. Gilmore is the chairman of the Committee on Supplies, and was appointed, with Elder James Carson, to represent Colorado Presbytery on the Co-ordinating Committee, with D. Calderwood as alternate. Chas. T. Carson was appointed a member of the Mission Conference, with D. Calderwood as alternate.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk in due time. Our traveling fund is paid in full.

CHARLES T. CARSON, Clerk.

ILLINOIS.

The Presbytery of Illinois would respectfully report:

We held one regular meeting, one special meeting during Synod at Olathe, and one called meeting at Oakdale, Illinois,

during the past synodical year. Our Interim Commission held one meeting during the year.

We have five congregations under our care, all of which have settled pastors. Church Hill was disorganized January 17, 1923.

We have nine ministers on our roll. Five are settled pastors in the presbytery, and S. F. Kingston is pastor of Selma congregation which is under the care of the Central Board.

J. M. Wylie was received from Kansas Presbytery on January 17, 1923, and installed pastor of Oakdale congregation on the same date.

J. M. Coleman is lecturing in the Witness Work of the church. W. M. Robb is in China. G. A. Edgar is not in the regular work at present on account of illness.

J. K. Robb is our delegate to the Mission Conference. G. M. Robb and Robert Luney were appointed to represent our Presbytery in the Co-ordinating Committee. J. M. Wylie was appointed to co-operate with the secretary of the Forward Movement for our presbytery. J. M. Coleman was reappointed to represent our presbytery on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College. M. K. Carson, Chairman of Supplies.

All congregations in our presbytery report all members whether resident or not.

Our Statistical Report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk in due time. Our Traveling Fund is paid in full.

The time of our regular meeting has been changed from spring to fall.

OWEN F. THOMPSON,
Clerk of Illinois Presbytery.

IOWA.

Iowa Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held one regular meeting during the year and the Interim Commission has held three meetings. The regular meeting was held at Sharon, Iowa, August 15, 1922, and was a joint meeting with the Ladies' Missionary Presbyterial and the Young People's Presbyterial. We have seven congregations under our care. One of them, Vernon, is without a pastor. P. J. McDonald was installed pastor of Chicago, July 19, 1922. We have eight ministers on our roll. Six are pastors. T. C. McKnight at present is engaged in connection with the Geneva Endowment Fund and J. S. McGaw is engaged in National Reform work. We record the death of S. B. Houston, March 18, 1923.

George S. Coleman is chairman of our committee on supplies.

The presbytery wishes to call the attention of Synod to the fact that our Chicago congregation during the last year has risen from an aid-receiving congregation to a full-fledged self-supporting congregation.

Our Traveling Fund is paid in full. Our Statistical Report was forwarded in due time and the report of membership balances.

Respectfully submitted,
D. BRUCE MARTIN, Clerk of Presbytery.

KANSAS.

Kansas Presbytery would respectfully report:

We have held one regular and two called meetings during the year. Our Interim Commission held meetings as required by interim business.

There are seventeen congregations and two missions under our care. Irving Place Mission is under the care of the Topeka Session, and Mineola under the care of the Stafford session.

All of our congregations have settled pastors except Kansas City, Tabor and Billings.

Samuel Edgar was received from the Colorado Presbytery and was installed pastor of the Eskridge congregation September 7, 1922.

J. M. Rutherford was, at his own request, transferred to the Rochester Presbytery, June 14, 1922.

J. M. Wylie was released from the Kansas City congregation at his own request, December 31, 1922, and was transferred to the Illinois Presbytery.

J. G. McElhinney, at his own request, was transferred to the Colorado Presbytery, June 6, 1923.

Cloyd E. Caskey was licensed to preach the gospel June 2, 1922, and Paul D. White was licensed to preach the gospel May 1, 1923.

We record the death of J. Ralston Wylie which occurred February 10, 1923, at Reinbeck, Iowa.

We have 23 ministers and 2 licentiates on our roll. Twelve are settled pastors, one is stated supply. Four are missionaries. One is Secretary of the Forward Movement.

The time of J. W. Dill, Isaiah Faris, G. R. McBurney, A. M. Thompson, W. A. Aikin and A. W. Smith is at the disposal of Synod.

Licentiate Cloyd E. Caskey is appointed to labor at the Indian Mission during the year.

Licentiate Paul D. White is also appointed to labor there during his seminary vacation.

We request the time of ½ of 1 laborer for coming year.

S. Edgar and J. Ren Lee are the presbytery's representatives on the Co-ordinating Committee.

J. G. Reed is the chairman of the Committee on Supplies.

Our traveling fund is paid in full.

E. K. Patton was appointed Financial Agent.

Our Statistical Report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk in due time.

E. C. MITCHELL,
Clerk of Presbytery.

NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA.

Dear Brethren: The congregation of St. John, N. B., has been disorganized, and now by the death of an elder at Barnesville, that congregation has also been disorganized. As I have not had an opportunity to confer with the brethren at Barnes-

ville, I am not able to say what their decision is as to the future of their congregation; but as I am to hold Communion there the 1st of July, I will then be better able to say what the brethren want.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS McFALL.

NEW YORK.

New York Presbytery respectfully reports:

We have during the past year held one regular meeting. Of our twelve congregations, Bovina is vacant. During the past year West Hebron became disorganized. Of our thirteen ministers one is a missionary in China, and one is retired.

On October 29, 1922, William C. Doig, of Walton congregation, was received as a student of theology and has completed his first year of study. On May 1st, 1923, David B. Russell was by the Interim Commission licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ. His time after the Seminary closes in 1924 is at the disposal of Synod.

In connection with our Presbytery meetings it is our custom to hold a conference for the discussion of public questions. Our young people co-operate loyally with the Tri-Presbyterial Encampment of which J. H. Pritchard is executive secretary. Within the year Second New York congregation held a series of evangelistic meetings with encouraging success. Third New York congregation is now happy in the possession of a new church home. First Boston, Second Boston and Montclair have no church building. Our Women's Missionary societies are now organized into a Presbyterial Union. Presbytery has appointed a committee on State of Religion.

We ask for the full time of one laborer. J. H. Pritchard is the Committee on Supplies. W. J. McKnight is our member of the Board of Corporators. Our statistical report was duly forwarded and our traveling fund has been paid.

Respectfully submitted,
T. M. SLATER, Clerk.

OHIO.

The Ohio Presbytery would respectfully report:

During the synodical year one regular meeting was held in Northwood, August 1, 1922, and three meetings of the Ad-Interim Commission.

There are nine congregations under our care, and three Mission station, Cedarville becoming a Mission station through the death of Elder D. S. Ervin.

There are five congregations with pastors, and four vacancies beside our Mission stations.

E. M. Elsey was installed pastor of Cincinnati, Nov. 10, 1922. There are two ministers, W. S. Fulton and T. C. Sproull, without charges.

Our Young People's Presbyterial Convention was held in Northwood in connection with the United Miami congregation, August 1 and 3 inclusive.

Our statistical blank was duly forwarded.

E. M Elsey is chairman of Committee on Supplies.

The time of two laborers is asked.

H. G. FOSTER, Clerk.

PACIFIC COAST.

The representatives of the Pacific Coast Presbytery in attendance at Synod would respectfully report:

One regular meeting was held during the year.

Our Interim Commission and Commission on Calls held two meetings during the year.

There are six congregations within our bounds, two of which are without pastors.

There are six ministers on our roll. M. R. Jameson was received on certificate from Pittsburg Presbytery, ordained and installed pastor of Seattle congregation, October 16, 1922.

F. D. Frazer was released from the pastorate of the Portland Congregation, October 16, 1922. J. S. Thompson was released as pastor of Hemet congregation on February 26, 1923.

We request the time of one laborer for the ensuing year.

G. N. Greer is chairman of the Committee of Supplies.

Our Statistical Report has been forwarded to Synod's Stated Clerk.

G. N. GREER,
R. I. TOMB,
Members Present.

PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia Presbytery would respectfully report:

Since our last report, two regular and three called meetings were held.

In the meeting of June 21, 1922, W. W. Weir, a student of Princeton University and Princeton Theological Seminary, under the care of Philadelphia Presbytery since October 17 1921, appeared as a candidate for licensure to the Gospel ministry. Mr. Weir presented in brief outline the collegiate and theological courses he had pursued and the grades he had received during his two years in the above institutions. He was heartily commended for receiving grades of such high standing, and for acquitting himself with honor in receiving his Master Degree. He gave two trial pieces for licensure—a sermon on the theme, "The Changed Name of Jacob," and a lecture, "Paul's Defense Against and Refutation of False Judaizing Teachings." After careful examination, the Presbytery licensed him to preach the gospel.

On his own request, Dr. J. C. McFeeters was granted a certificate of transfer to Pittsburgh Presbytery.

The congregations of Philadelphia Presbytery are: First, Second and Third Philadelphia, and Orlando, Florida, all with settled pastors.

Samuel E. Greer was appointed to represent the Presbytery on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

FRANK L. STEWART, Clerk.

PITTSBURGH.

Pittsburgh Presbytery would respectfully report:

That since our last report we have held one Synod and two regular sessions. Our Interim Commission on Calls has held seven meetings.

Presbytery has enjoyed a most prosperous year. The spirit of community obligation and evangelism has been manifest in many of our congregations resulting in net increases as to membership and in a general deepening of the spiritual life of our people. We are able to report this year a net increase in our membership. Our contributions to all causes total over $100,000, being but a little short of Presbytery's banner year.

A most interesting feature of our last Presbytery meeting was to have the elders of each congregation in attendance come foward and speak for a few minutes on the spiritual condition of his congregation. This was under the direction of our most energetic Home Mission Secretary F. F. Reade.

We have twenty-three congregations under our care and two mission stations. Nineteen have pastors. One mission station and two of the remaining congregations have stated supplies.

The call from the Bear Run-Mahoning congregation reported last year pending on James McCune was declined and this congregation is again seeking a pastor.

Slippery Rock is also vacant due to the removal of Robert A. Blair to the Parnassus congregation. Since last reporting the last named congregation became vacant due to the resignation of Robert Park to take up his labors at Geneva College. The Little Beaver congregation is vacant due to the death of their short-timed and much beloved pastor.

The congregation of Adamsville-Middletown reported disorganized last year, is carried on Presbytery's roll as Adamsville mission station until all of its members are certified to other congregations. Your presbytery is glad to report that none will be lost to the church. We are also glad to report that one of the former members of this congregation expects to enter the Seminary this autumn. Due to the death of an elder in the North Union congregation it became disorganized this past winter and is also carried as a mission station. Presbytery has plans under way to reorganize this congregation.

Thirty-nine ministers are on our roll and three licentiates. Eighteen are regularly engaged in active pastorates. One has two charges. Two are stated supplies; one of these having also a regular charge. One is on indefinite leave from the foreign field, and now engaged in home mission work among the Syrians of New Castle, Pa. One is superintendent of Synod's

Southern Mission. One is engaged in public charities work. Two are engaged in secular work. Four are retired. Two are accredited to the Seminary; three to the National Reform Association; four to Geneva College.

E. M. Elsey at his own request was transferred to Ohio Presbytery, October 24, 1922.

J. C. McFeeters was received from Philadelphia Presbytery and W. C. McClurkin from Central Canada Presbytery, May 8, 1923.

We report with heavy hearts the following inroads upon our number by the angel of death during the past year: P. P. Boyd was called home November 14, 1922; I. A. Blackwood, March 13, 1923.

R. C. Reed is moderator of Presbytery's Interim Commission on Calls. F. F. Reade is Home Mission Secretary. E. A. Crooks is superintendent of Young People's work. F. F. Reade and Geo. A. McKee were appointed as members of Synod's committee on Co-ordination and Forward Movement. Robert A. Blair, R. C. Reed, and E. A. Crooks were appointed delegates to the Mission Conference.

The time of T. J. Allen, T. A. McElwain, J. C. McFeeters, and Lic. John Clifford Mathews is at your disposal.

We can take the full time of three men.

Our statistical report was forwarded to the Stated Clerk in due time.

Our traveling fund is paid in full. E. L. McKnight is Presbytery's Financial Agent.

Respectfully submitted,
R. W. REDPATH, Clerk.

ROCHESTER.

Rochester Presbytery would respectfully report:

One regular and one special meeting have been held during the year. There are five congregations under our charge. There are six ministers in the presbytery, four of whom are settled pastors. J. M. Rutherford was installed pastor of Almonte congregation June 22, 1922. The full time of two men, Jas. McCune and William McFarland, is at the disposal of Synod. Presbytery asks for half time of one man. The traveling fund was paid in full. W. J. Sanderson is chairman of Committee of Supplies. W. J. SANDERSON, Clerk.

The report of the Domestic Mission Conference was presented by its Clerk, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION CONFERENCE.

The Mission Conference of the Reformed Presbyterian church met at Winona Lake, Indiana, June 5, 1923, at 10:00 a. m. The Conference was called to order by E. L. McKnight, the

President of the Central Board of Missions and by him led in prayer.

E. L. McKnight was elected Chairman, Geo. S. Coleman, Clerk, and W. J. Sanderson, Assistant Clerk.

Nine presbyterial delegates and three members of the Central Board were present at all three sessions. Three other Presbyterial delegates and two more members of the Board were present at two sessions.

Thirty congregations were voted aid, one more than last year. Two were added to the list and one, Chicago, taken off. Chicago changed from asking $800 for making up $2,000, to asking nothing in making up $2,200. The clerk of the conference was directed to send a letter of appreciation to the Chicago congregation.

The following appropriations are recommended for the coming year:

Central Canada Presbytery—

Delburne—$300, the Central Board to supplement the amount additionally in their discretion, the Board to arrange preaching in cooperation with the Presbytery.

Lake Reno—$600, if they raise $800 for pastor or stated supply.

Winnipeg—$700.

Regina—$600, Central Board to supplement the amount in their discretion. F. E. Allen was requested to preach two days at Regina and to report to the Central Board with bill for traveling expenses

Iowa Presbytery—

Washington—$1040 for pastor.

Kansas Presbytery—

Billings—$10 a Sabbath to the amount of $100.
Eskridge—$300.

N. B. and N. S. Presbytery—

Barnesville—$7 a Sabbath to the amount of $100.
Cornwallis—$800.

New York Presbytery—

Coldenham—$500, if parsonage is in addition to $800 from congregation, $600, if parsonage is counted in the $800.
Montclair—$800.
White Lake—$600.

Ohio Presbytery—

Belle Center—$625.
Bellefontaine—$900.
Cedarville—$10 a Sabbath to the amount of $320.
Cincinnati—$1000.
Hetnerton—$600.
Ray—$10 a Sabbath to the amount of $300.

Philadelphia Presbytery—

Orlando—$500.

Pittsburgh Presbytery—

North Union—$8.00.
Bear Run and Mahoning—$5 a Sabbath to the amount of $110.
Union with Pine Creek—$800.
Slippery Rock—$30 a month to the amount of $360.
East End—$400.
Youngstown—$1000.
Pittsburgh Syrian—$1300.
Rehoboth—$700.

Rochester Presbytery—

Lochiel—$700.

Pacific Coast Presbytery—

Fresno—$800.
Portland—$1200 for pastor, or aid for supplies in proportion.

A committee consisting of F. E. Allen and R. C. Wylie, with Geo. S. Coleman as chairman, was appointed to submit to Synod suggestions for home mission work, to which committee a motion by F. E. Allen on Woman workers for Sabbath Schools was referred.

Each of the three sessions opened and adjourned with prayer and an earnest spirit prevailed.

The clerk was directed to write a letter to Union Congregation to urge that they pay $500 as their part for the pastor's salary; also a letter calling attention of the Lochiel congregation to their marked delinquency as to the pastor's salary.

Respectfully submitted,
E. L. McKNIGHT, Chairman,
GEO. S. COLEMAN, Clerk.

The report on Unfinished Business was taken from the table.

Item 23. Attended to.

Item 24. Attended to. The Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Board made a statement as to the self-sacrificing generosity of the missionaries in the adjustment of their claims.

25. All attended to, and bills paid by the Treasurer.

27. Attended to.

Synod took recess till 2:00 p. m., prayer by Elder G. G. McLaury.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 2:00 o'clock.

Synod reconvened after recess, was called to order by the Moderator, and led in prayer by Elder T. J. Joseph. The roll was called. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Paper No. 6 was presented. A memorial from the session of Sharon congregation. Referred to the Committee on Discipline.

Papers from Thrd Philadelphia session and congregation were returned to Philadelphia Presbytery because not properly transferred, with reference to the Committee on Foreign Missions when properly endorsed.

J. K. Gault was named reporter to furnish items of Synod news to the Warsaw paper.

The report of the Co-ordinating Committee was submitted by its secretary, D. R. Taggart, and taken up item by item. Item 4 was referred to a special committee of five, to confer with Mr. Pritchard and report later.

Rev. T. J. Johnston, representing the Lord's Day Alliance, was extended the courtesies of the floor, and heard for ten minutes as to the work of that organization. The requests of Rev. Johnston were referred to the Committee on the Sabbath.

The report on unfinished business was taken from the table.

Item 28. Referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.
29. Attended to by all those appointed who are present at this meeting.
30. Committee reported. The report was referred to the Finance Committee.

A resolution offered by J. M. Rutherford requiring certificates of licensure, graduation from the Seminary, and ordination, was referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

The Moderator named the following committees on Presbyterial Records:

Central Canada—

James McCune
E. L. McKnight
Scott Buck

Colorado—

A. M. Thompson
M. K. Carson
Walter Ross

Illinois—
W. T. K. Thompson
W. J. McBurney
O. S. Groves

Iowa—
E. K. Patton
W. A. Aiken
J. M. Henning

Kansas—
J. M. Coleman
J. T. Mitchell
R. J. Campbell

New York—
J. M. Johnston
W. J. Sanderson
Samuel Jackson

Ohio—
Jas. S. Stewart
G. M. Robb
J. H. McBurney

Pacific Coast—
J. R. Latimer
J. R. Wylie
Robert Luney

Philadelphia—
T. M. Slater
R. J. McIsaac
James Moore

Pittsburgh—
W. J. McKnight
Boyd A. White
S. O. Carson

Rochester—
John Coleman
J. Boyd Tweed
J. H. Mearns

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8:45 o'clock. J. M. Foster leading in prayer.

SATURDAY FORENOON.

Same Place, 8:45 o'clock.

Synod met according to adjournment, was called to order by the Moderator, and constituted with prayer by W. J. Coleman. The alphabetical roll was called. Devotional exercises were conducted by Samuel Edgar. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The item in the report of Synod's Board of Trustees pertaining to the Seminary was withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and referred to the Committee on Theological Seminary.

The report of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College was read by G. M. Robb and referred to the Committee on Geneva College.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College was read by J. C. Slater and referred to the Committee on Geneva College.

D. H. Elliott, Forward Movement Secretary, submitted his annual report which was taken up item by item. In accordance with Item 2, Synod engaged in a season of prayer for disabled ministers and others in affliction. Item 4 was

referred to the Committee on Nominations. Item 5 was laid on the table to be taken up in connection with the report of the Evangelistic Committee. Of two additional recommendations as to supplying vacant congregations, the second was referred to the Committee appointed by the Mission Conference to consider the same matter. The report as a whole was laid on the table for the present.

Word having been received of the serious condition of Professor H. H. Wylie, A. A. Johnston led Synod in prayer on his behalf.

The special committee to confer with Mr. Pritchard reported. The report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church:

The committee appointed to confer with Mr Pritchard concerning agreements under which the church might contribute to the support of the Christian Nation would respectfully report. We have conferred with Mr. Pritchard and find that he is willing to agree to the following provisions:

1. As a basis for fixing the amount of the appropriation for the following year he will each year publish in the Christian Nation, or submit to Synod, an annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the Christian Nation for the preceding year.

2. That he will publish any signed article, of not more than one thousand words in length, bearing on the policy of the church, sent by any member in good standing in the church, subject only to the privilege of excluding articles that do not represent any considerable body of opinion in the church, or that are in themselves unworthy of publication. Further, in order to make evident that this agreement is carried out, Mr. Pritchard agrees to bring such excluded articles to Synod and, in connection with the consideration of the appropriation for the following year, to explain his reason for not publishing them, if such explanation is called for.

In consideration of these agreements and on account of the great service rendered the church from year to year we recommend that Synod contract with the Christian Nation for $5,000 worth of space, the amount to be apportioned as expense upon the various funds by the Treasurers of Synod's funds.

M. M. PEARCE.
O. F. THOMPSON.
JAMES CARSON.
R. HARGRAVE.
R. J. BOLE.

The usual collection for the expenses of Synod was taken, amounting to $92.73.

Synod adjourned to meet at 8:45 a. m. Monday. D. H. Elliott led in prayer, adjourning the court.

MONDAY FORENOON.

Same Place, 8:45 o'clock.

Synod met at the hour to which it had adjourned, was called to order by the Moderator, and constituted with prayer by him. The roll was called. Devotional exercises were conducted by F. M. Wilson. The minutes of the Saturday a. m. session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on a Book of Selections from the Psalter, Item 10 of Unfinished Business, being the special order of the day, the report was submitted by the chairman, D. B. Martin, and taken up item by item. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON A BOOK OF SELECTIONS FROM THE PSALTER.

The Committee appointed at last Synod to present a plan for a book for evangelistic meetings to consist of selections from the Book of Psalms, would respectfully report:

After the very successful year in evangelistic effort on the part of our church, your committee has endeavored to plan a book for evangelistic meetings, which in its very arrangement is intended to make it easy for laymen as well as ministers, to conduct the song service in such meetings.

With this in mind, your committee has carefully gone over the suggestion made by the committee appointed two years ago by the evangelistic committee to bring out such a book and after availing itself of the experience gained through the past year in the actual conducting of evangelistic meetings, now presents the following plan:

That the proposed book of selections be arranged as follows:

1. Psalms of praise for opening songs.
2. Sin hinders fellowship with Christ.
3. God's punishment of sin.
4. God's mercy and forgiveness.
5. Repentance.
6. Christ our Saviour.
7. Songs of hope and trust.
8. Invitation Psalms.
9. Closing Psalms.

These are classified as follows:

Number	Song	Verses	Number	Song	Verses
1a	1	1-4	29	16	7-10
7	5	1, 2, 3, 6	30	17	1, 5-7
17	9	8-10	38	18	1-4
22	2	4-7	39	18	12, 13, 18, 20
25	13	1-3	42	19	1-4
28	15	1-3	43	19	5, 6, 9

53	22	9-11	246	90	1, 2, 5, 6
56	23	1-	248	91	1-4
59	24	2, 3, 4	255	93	1-5
61	25	1, 3, 5, 6	258	95	1, 2, 3, 5
62	25	7, 9-11	259	96	1, 2, 6, 7
63	25	13-17	264	100	1-4
64	26	1-5	267	102	1, 2, 3, 6
69	29	1-4	268	102	10-13
74	30	1-4	269	102	14-17
75	31	1-4	273	103	1-4
77	31	18, 19, 20, 23	275a	103	5-8
78	32	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	284	104	16-18
82	33	7, 9, 10	288	106	1-4
83	34	1-4	299	108	1-4
87	34	6-9	305	110	1-6
98	37	3-6	309	113	1-3
102	38	1-4	313	117	1, 2
108	39	5-8	315	118	17-20
109	40	1-4	319	119	1-4
126	45	10 11, 15-17	322	119	1-4
127	46	1-4	326	119	3, 5
128	47	1, 2, 3, 7	342	119	1-4
139	50	1, 3, 7, 13	349	121	1-4
145	51	5-7	350	122	1, 2, 5, 6
165	61	1, 2	355	126	1-4
167	62	1, 5, 6, 4	362	130	1-5
168	63	1-4	364	131	1-3
171	65	1-3	369	133	1-3
174	66	8, 12, 13, 14	377	138	1-3, 6
177	67	1-3	380	139	13
193a	72	9-12	383	123	1-3
197	73	9-11	385	143	4-7
202	76	1, 2, 5	386	143	1-3
220	80	1, 2, 6	389	145	1, 2, 5
229	85	1, 2, 7, 8	399	148	
234	88	1-4			

Your committee would respectfully recommend:

1. That all our congregations emphasize the importance of the praise service and by systematic effort endeavor to improve this feature of public worship.

2. That the singing of the Psalms at the family altar be resume where it has been discontinued.

3. That precentors be urged to give special attention to those in the congregations, who may give evidence of ability to lead.

4. That pastors be urged, by precept and example to lead the laymen of their congregations to take an active part in evangelistic effort.

5. That the missionary societies and other ladies organizations, the Sabbath School and Young People's societies be urged to take up the matter of evangelism and study music with that intent.

6. That three thousand copies of this book be published and the expense be paid from the Literary Fund.

D. B. MARTIN, Chairman.

The Committee on Traveling Fund reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRAVELING FUND.

Your Committee on Traveling Fund would respectfully report: Quota received from congregations $3710. Traveling expenses of one hundred and thirty-four delegates in full $3710.

J. G. REED, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Geneva College was read by R. H. Martin and taken up item by item. A. A. Johnston made a personal statement, giving his reasons for resigning the presidency of the College. Pending discussion of item 1, the time for recess arrived. Synod took recess until 2:00 o'clock, with prayer by S. F. Kingston.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 2:00 o'clock.

Synod reconvened, was called to order by the Moderator, and led in prayer by Elder R. Boyd Wallace. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Mr. John R. Voris was heard on behalf of the Near East Relief. The following resolutions offered by S. R. Boggs were adopted and referred to the Foreign Mission Board to be carried out.

RESOLUTIONS ON NEAR EAST RELIEF.

1. The Reformed Presbyterian Synod recognizes the immediate and compelling need in the Near East which has been increased and multiplied by the continued expulsion of Christians from Asia Minor.

2. We appreciate the value of the international reconstruction program that is being carried out by Near East Relief, both in its ministry of relief, and in the work of its orphanages, where the children are being educated in a Christian atmosphere and trained in self-support to become the nucleus of a new Near East.. It is evident that this work must be continued until the children are capable of self-support.

3. We approve the cooperation that our churches, Bible schools, and various organizations, officials and missionaries have given this organization, which is representative of the churches of America in its interdenominational aspects, and hope that our people will continue their support undiminished.

4. We approve the appointment of an Advisory Committee to represent our Synod in cooperation with Near East Relief in its educational and promotional program, the Foreign Board to make this appointment.

5. We ask the Advisory Committee to consider the question of justice and protection for Christian minorties, and to cooperate, where they deem wise, with other interested organizations to develop a public conscience which will support our government in taking active measures for a permanent and just solution of the Near East situation.

Synod resumed consideration of the report of the Committee on Geneva College. Pending consideration of Item 1, the time for recess arrived. Synod took recess until 7:30 p. m., Elder A. J. Harding leading in prayer.

MONDAY EVENING

Same place, 7:30 o'clock.

Synod reconvened, was called to order by the Moderator and led in prayer by Elder Richard McAlister. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Consideration of the report on Geneva College was resumed. In connection with the adoption of Item 4, Synod was led in prayer by A. Kilpatrick. Item 9 was laid over until next year, with the understanding that Synod's Board of Trustees and the Board of Corporators of Geneva College investigate the legal phases of the matter involved and bring definite proposals to the next Synod. The financial item for printing the proposed plan of reorganization of the Board of Trustees of the College was referred to the Committee on Finance. Neither A. A. Johnston nor R. M. Young desiring to speak further under the privilege of Item 10, the report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENEVA COLLEGE.

There have been referred to your committee the report of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College and the report of the Board of Corporators of Geneva College. These reports contain items which call for notice in your Committee's report, and also references of great importance which call for recommendations. Your committee has given prayerful and careful consideration to these reports, has called a large number of persons before it to obtain fuller information, and has earnestly sought divine help and guidance in meeting the responsibilities laid upon it.

We note with thanksgiving and gratitude to God that Geneva College has just passed its seventy-fifth milestone. For God's

preservation of this institution through all the trials and difficulties of three-quarters of a century, for its growth, especially in these more recent years, and for the wonderful service it has rendered the Covenanter Church, the whole Church of Christ and the Kingdom of God throughout the entire period of its experience, and for the consecrated labors and sacrifices of all those who have made this service possible, we are profoundly grateful to God.

We call attention to the statement in the report of this past year that the total enrollment of students in all departments mounts up almost to the one thousand mark. We note the unusually large growth in the Extension Department, the students in this department numbering three hundred and nine. It is evidence of the wonderful opportunity of Geneva for growth from the local community—an opportunity unparalleled by any other college of Geneva's size, by reason of the large population living in towns and cities within easy access of the college.

The unusually successful record of the debating teams under the coaching of Rev. Robert Clarke, in winning five victories in six contests, is noted and highly commended. We also note and commend all the efforts made to maintain and develop the spiritual life and activities of the college.

The admission of Geneva College to the accredited list of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland is an achievement of the first magnitude, giving her highest standing in the educational world and greatly aiding her graduates in securing positions as teachers. We wish to commend and thank the president and faculty of the college for their earnest and persevering efforts in getting Geneva accredited, and also the Board of Trustees for their financial underwriting without which this achievement would not have been possible.

The Board of Trustees have our commendation and thanks for the way in which they took up and pushed forward the financial campaign to secure $400,000 for endowment and to meet the indebtedness of the college. The Board of Trustees in pledging approximately $45,000 of the $146 325.99 raised in the campaign, and the faculty of the college in pledging $4,000 of this amount, thus first showing their faith in the college and their readiness to sacrifice to meet its needs before they asked others for faith and sacrifice, are most highly commended. We also wish to commend the Covenanter Church for the fine way in which she responded to the appeal to raise one-half of the total amount. With the $49,000 from the Board of Trustees and the Covenanter members of the faculty and the $20,000 of the Gailey Estate (which the Synod's Board of Trustees turned into this campaign) included, the church within a few months subscribed $130,452.19.

Rev. T. C. McKnight was secured by the Board as Field Secretary for the campaign. He is highly commended for the vigor and enthusiasm with which he took up the campaign, for the efficient organization he effected, for the excellent advertising material sent out in promoting the campaign. We believe he was directly responsible in the raising of more than $50,000 within

the year and had something to do with the securing of the remainder. In fact, Mr. Clarke and Mr. McKnight have co-operated in the campaign, the efforts of one having supplemented the efforts of the other.

Rev. Robert Clarke, who for a period of thirteen years has labored for the college in securing funds, and who is responsible more than any other person for the marvelous improvements in the physical equipment of the college within this period and the increase in her financial resources, also deserves our gratitude and thanks for his hard and sacrificial tasks through these years and for her fine standing among friends outside the church. And within this past year, through his efforts, there were secured about $37,000 on the campaign, and for all purposes approximately $40,500, of which amount about $17,000 was in cash. The alumni and the Beaver Valley are also to be commended for the way in which they responded for the brief period during which it was pressed with them.

We regret the unfortunate circumstances which have practically suspended the campaign temporarily. Your committee does not undertake to fix responsibility upon any person or persons for these circumstances. They show that earnest, well-meaning people make mistakes, that they differ in their judgments and perhaps also they afford an additional confirmation of the scriptural declaration that there is no man that liveth and sinneth not, and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. Rather than recriminations and accusation upon the part of all concerned, let there rather be searching of heart and confession of shortcomings and mistakes on the part of all. Doubtless the hand of God is in it all and He is working out His purpose for the college which is surely as precious to Him as to us. Let it be our hope and earnest prayer that the things that hindered the campaign shall be removed and that such action shall be taken here and such results achieved as shall soon permit a resumption of a united effort to carry forward this campaign to a triumphant completion.

We express regret at the resignations noted in the report of the Board of Trustees and for the conditions at Geneva which apparently led to these resignations. Especially do we regret the resignation of Dr. A. A. Johnston, the president of the college. We note with gratitude the progress the college has made under his administration. In him the college had a most successful teacher and a most popular and able administrator. He is held in high esteem by students, by alumni and by the local community. We wish him God speed in his future undertakings and God's rich blessing in all his service for Christ.

The long continued and serious illness of Dr. H. H. Wylie was noted in the report of the Board of Trustees. In this Synod earnest prayer has been made that he might be recovered and restored to his work in the college. But the Sovereign Lord of all lives has ordered otherwise. On yesterday a telegram was received announcing that early Sabbath morning, June 10th, he had been called into his Master's presence and to higher service. Dr. Wylie was thoroughly Christian. In his death Geneva College

and the cause of education have sustained a great loss. He was a great thinker, a master teacher and a most efficient organizer and administrator. He was the great force back of the summer school, which had grown until the past summer the enrollment reached 311 and the financial balance after meeting all expenses amounted to $1,075.31. To him also belongs in very large measure the credit for the organization and development of the Extension Department, which this year enrolled 309 students and from which the receipts netted $2,448.98 above all expenses. It should be said in this connection that the plan for the enlargement of the Board of Trustees of the College submitted to the Synod was prepared by him, and that its adoption was one of his most cherished hopes for the college he has so faithfully served and for which indeed he may be said to have given his ife. We cannot understand the providence of God in thus taking him from us in the prime of his life and at the height of his efficiency. But the Lord knows best. His way is perfect. "Thy will be done." To Mrs. Wylie and the two dear children, and the members of the family from which Dr. Wylie comes we express deep sympathy and for them we will make earnest prayer.

There has been submitted to your committee with favorable action by the Board of Trustees, and by the Board of Corporators with favorable recommendation a plan for the enlargement of the Board of Trustees from its present number of twelve members to twenty-one members. The plan is as follows:

Amendment to Geneva Charter Proposed by Its Board of Trustees.

That Article VI of the Charter which reads:

"The Corporation and its affairs and business are to be managed by a Board of Trustees consisting of twelve members and shall be chosen annually by the members of the Corporation and hold their offices until others are chosen and qualified in their stead. they shall elect one of their members President.

The names and residences of those chosen Trustees for the first year and who shall hold their office until the next annual election and until successors are duly chosen are:

Rev. J. R. W. Sloane, D. D.
Rev. A. M. Milligan, D. D.
Rev. J. C. Smith
Rev. John Galbraith
Rev. N. N. Johnston
Rev. R. J. George
Rev. A. Kilpatrick
Rev. W. J. Coleman
David Gregg, Esq.
John M. McKee, Esq.
J. D. McAnlis, Esq.
Jas. R. McKee, Esq.

The corporation shall have power to purchase or take by gift, grant or otherwise, and hold and transfer such real and

personal property as its objects and purposes may require, not exceeding the amount limited by law."
be amended to read as follows:

The Corporation and its affairs and business shall be managed by a Board of Trustees consisting of twenty-one members who shall be chosen by the members of the Corporation in the following manner:

Fifteen trustees, three of whom shall be women, shall be chosen annually from the membership of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and until the next regular annual meeting of the corporators shall be:

(Here include list of those chosen)

Six trustees shall be chosen from the membership of any Evangelical Church to serve for the term of three years, two of whom shall be elected each year and who shall have first subscribed to the following statement:

1. I am a member in good and regular standing in the ..... Church.

2. I believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and the Divine rule of faith and conduct.

3. I believe that Jesus Christ is not only the Saviour of individual men but also the King and Ruler of Nations and should be acknowledged as such.

4. I agree not to attempt to change the policy and practice of Geneva College in matters of religious worship or with respect to fraternities.

5. I am heartily in favor of the effort of the Covenanter Church to maintain the highest possible standard of Christian instruction and morals in Geneva College."

Signed.....

Three of these six trustees shall be chosen from a list of the Alumni of Geneva College certified by the Geneva College Alumni Association and until the next annual meeting of the Corporation shall be,

..... to serve for one year
..... to serve for two years
..... to serve for three years

and three of these six trustees shall be chosen from the list of persons residing in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and (or) adjoining counties certified by the Board of Trustees and until the next annual meeting of the corporation shall be,

..... to serve for one year
.....to serve for two years
..... to serve for three years

Annually hereafter at the regular annual meeting of the corporators, the corporation shall choose one member each from a list of three names certified to it from the Alumni of Geneva College by the Geneva College Alumni Association and from a list of names of persons- residing in Beaver county, Pennsyl-

vania, and (or) adjoining counties certified to it by the Board of Trustees of Geneva College.

The Geneva College Alumni Association and the Board of Trustees of Geneva College shall have authority to make such rules and regulations for selecting persons to be certified as aforesaid, to the Board of Corporators as they shall deem best.

Trustees elected as aforesaid, shall hold their offices until others are legally chosen and qualified in their stead, and the Trustees shall annually elect one of their number as President.

The Corporation shall have power to purchase or take by gift, grant or otherwise, and hold and transfer such real and personal property as its objects and purposes may require not exceeding the amount limited by law.

Your committee having given careful consideration to this plan unanimously favor its adoption. It does not in any way or measure take the control of the college away from the Covenanter Church. The Board of Corporators under the proposed plan would elect all the twenty-one members of the Board of Trustees as they now elect the twelve members of this Board. There could not be less than fifteen of these twenty-one members of the Board who would be members of the Covenanter Church.

The statement embodied in the proposed plan, which those representing the alumni and the local community are required to sign before their names can be submitted to the Board of Corporators for election, so bind them that they are obliged to maintain Covenanter standards and practices in the college. The Alumni Association of the college, which petitions this Synod for the adoption of this plan, specifically states that they do not wish to weaken the control of the church or to break down in any way the standards it has always maintained. It is right and just, your committee believes, that the alumni of the college should have official representation on the Board of Trustees, and also that the local community which has so strongly supported the college in sending to it a large majority of its student body and in giving it funds, should have official representation on its Board. Other denominational colleges give this representation both to their alumni and the local community.

The wonderful growth of Geneva within recent years, the increased cost of maintaining the college because of this growth and because of the great increase in the cost of maintaining colleges within the past few years, together with the fact of the Covenanter Church's limitations in the number of her members and financial resources—these, together with the unusually great opportunities for the future growth of the college afforded by her advantageous location, and above all the necessity of an increased financial support necessary to keep Geneva on the list of accredited colleges, these things make the adoption of this plan highly desirable, if not absolutely necessary, to the continued growth and usefulness of the college.

With a view to having the investments and real estate of the college in such shape that we can expect help from the General Educational Board we believe that this Synod should act favor-

ably upon the proposed change of title of invested funds and real estate for the college. We recommend:

1. The adoption of the plan submitted by the Board of Trustees and embodied in this report for the enlargement of the Board of Trustees from twelve to twenty-one members, and that Synod direct the Board of Corporators to effect the change in the charter and enlarge the Board of Trustees accordingly.

2. We urge the Board of Trustees of the college to proceed as soon as possible to the election of the college President in order that the work of the coming college year and the preparation for it may not be hindered.

3. That we urge the Board of Trustees to take up again the campaign temporarily suspended, and secure $400,000 for endowment and indebtedness at as early a date as possible, and push it vigorously until the goal is obtained.

4. That we express our sorrow in the death of Dr. H. H. Wylie, and the loss the college has sustained, and extend to Mrs. Wylie and friends our deep sympathy.

5. That we express our regret in the resignation of Dr. A. A. Johnston as president of Geneva College, and express our wish and prayer for God's blessing on him in his future labors for the Master.

6. That we urge the Board of Trustees, the faculty of the college, and all who have to do with the direction of the affairs of the college, to do everything within their power to develop the spiritual life of the college, to maintain and elevate its moral standards and to lead young men and women in the college to consecrate their talents and lives to distinctly Christian service; and that special efforts be made to lead young men to enter the Christian ministry; that our own church especially, and other churches also, may have able and consecrated young men to preach the gospel of Christ.

7. We commend the action of the Board for its efforts to suppress professionalism in athletics and direct the incoming Board to take such steps as will eliminate professionalism from Geneva College.

8. We recommend that Rev. D. H. Elliott be elected by Synod as his successor on the Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

9. Inasmuch as it was the intention of Synod last year in order to meet a condition of the General Educational Board that the investment funds of Geneva College be transferred as to their title to the Board of Corporators of Geneva College, and inasmuch as these instructions were deficient as to their express content and order of procedure, therefore, we would recommend that Synod instruct its Board of Trustees that a conveyance of all of the real estate held by the Trustees of Synod for Geneva College be made to the Board of Corporators of Geneva College and that an assignment of transfer be made by said Board to the Board of Corporators of Geneva College of all the bonds, mortgages and other securities held by Synod's Board of Trus-

tees which were purchased by it with funds of Geneva College and that Synod's Board of Trustees be directed to make such conveyance and transfer, as soon as the same can possibly be done, by the execution of such instrument in writing and by such legal procedure as may be necessary to fully vest the title to all real estate and personal property held by it in name or in trust for and for the benefit of Geneva College.

This conveyance and transfer is ordered upon the express understanding that Synod's Board of Trustees shall be engaged by the Board of Corporators of Geneva College as their financial agents to hold and invest all funds of the college in accordance with the safeguards and overhead charges of their charter.

10. That President A. A. Johnston and Robert Young be heard by Synod on behalf of the college.

Respectfully submitted,
FINDLEY M. WILSON,
A. A. WYLIE,
R. H. MARTIN,
R. C. REDPATH,
J. REN LEE.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CORPORATORS OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

The Board of Corporators submits the following report. We have held our regular annual meeting and a number of adjourned meetings.

The following officers of the Board were elected: President, Alexander Kilpatrick; vice-president, J. M. Coleman; secretary, George M. Robb; treasurer, James S. Tibby.

The new members appointed by presbyteries are as follows: D. B. Martin, Iowa; J. M. Coleman, Illinois; E. C. Mitchell, Kansas.

J. C. McFeeters having removed to Pittsburgh Presbytery, S. E. Greer was appointed as his successor to represent Philadelphia Presbytery. The term of D. H. Elliott as Synodical member, expires with this meeting and his successor should be chosen.

The following members of the Board of Corporators were elected their own successors, T. H. Acheson, George M. Robb, F. M. Wilson, J. D. McAnlis.

The report of the Board of Trustees was received and transmitted to Synod. The enrollment of the college during the past year was the largest in its history.

The trustees propose some important changes, which are specified in their report.

The following persons were chosen as members of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College: D. C. Mathews, H. Lester Smith, Joseph M. Steele, R. M. Downie, R. M. Young, J. H. McBurney, J. M. Blackwood, Ralph W. Duncan, R. A. Blair, James F. McKee, T. M. Slater, D. H. Elliott. Mrs. J. S. Tibby, Mrs. J. S. Martin, Miss Mary McKnight were chosen to serve for the first year under the amended charter.

From the Alumni Association the following were chosen by ballot to serve on the Board of Trustees: Edwin F. Wendt for one year, Charles A. Bell for two years, and George A. Baldwin for three years.

From the business men of Beaver Valley the following citizens were also elected by ballot to serve on the Board of Trustees: John T. Reeves for one year, Charles R. May for two years, and W. A. Harbison for three years.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE M. ROBB, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GENEVA COLLEGE.

To the Board of Corporators of Geneva College:

The Board of Trustees of Geneva College would respectfully report that we have held ten meetings during the year.

The year has been in some respects an unusual one. The year 1923 marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of Geneva College, during which period the college has grown from a very small academy to its present enrollment of 292 students in the regular college departments during the past year.

The teaching staff includes 17 teachers in the regular college departments, with 28 teachers in the summer school, and 19 in the extension department.

Appropriate exercises were held in the college commemorating the anniversary on Friday, June 1. Addresses were given by Hon. H. W. Temple, of the class of '83, John T. Reeves, of the class of '85, and Rev. D. H. Elliott, of the class of '01, bearing greetings to the College from her Alumni, the Community and the Church.

From the report of the Faculty we take the following statement: "The finest unusual achievement of the year was the admission in December, 1922, of Geneva to the accredited list of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland."

This result was secured through the underwriting by the members of the Board of Trustees of the $20,000 which Synod granted to the college in her annual budget. It was necessary for the Board to make this guarantee good for three years, or until the campaign for funds would bring in enough endowment and reduction of the indebtedness to meet the requirements of the Association. This simply means that the Board must make up the deficit in the amount received from the budget below the appropriation.

This year is also marked by the resignation of President A. A. Johnston. His resignation came before the Board at the meeting held December 8, 1922, together with those of Prof. R. C. Colwell, and Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Wylie. At that time the Board asked those offering their resiguations to reconsider their actions However, President Johnston's resignation again came before the

Board on May 25, 1923, and it was accepted. A committee was appointed to prepare a suitable minute expressing the Board's appreciation of the work of Dr. Johnston, which committee will report at the next meeting. President Johnston agreed to serve as acting President until that time. No steps have been taken as yet to secure a successor to President Johnston.

The long continued illness of Dr. H. H. Wylie has deprived the college of his very efficient services, both as a teacher and organizer and director of the summer school and extension department. Mrs. Wylie has directed the extension department, and Prof. E. A. Moore has been placed in charge of the summer school. Members of the faculty have co-operated to make these departments successful under these new conditions.

The new teachers this year were Prof. Robert Park in the Department of History, Prof. W. H. Martin in the Department of Economics, and Miss Bertha Enderle, who is the Dean of Women and Assistant in the Department of Bible. Their work has been satisfactory and they have been re-elected. Professor Wilson has resigned, leaving the Department of Biology vacant, and Professor Colwell has been granted leave of absence for a year to do research work in the University of Cambridge, England. Efforts are being made to fill these positions, and to secure a teacher for Dr. Wylie's Department for the coming year. Professor Edgecomb has secured his Master's degree.

The Fnancial Campaign.

After the last meeting of Synod, the Board secured the Rev. T. C. McKnight as Field Secretary of the $400,000 campaign for Endowment and Indebtedness of the College. Mr. McKnight took up the work with vigor and enthusiasm. An efficient organization was effected, and the campaign to secure $200,000 from the church was launched. The response was gratifying. Success seemed assured. The subscriptions from the Church reached a total of $125,913. The campaign among the Alumni was being gotten under way, and subscriptions aggregating $9,992 had been received. The work in the Beaver Valley was only beginning, but the subscriptions amounted to $4,656.41. Then came the resignations of President and Professors. Mr. McKnight in his report says: "The resignation of the President and disturbances that arose out of it, brought the campaign in the community and the Alumni practically to a standstill. Virtually all the subscriptions and money paid on them were received prior to that time. When the resignation was announced, several wrote in withdrawing their subscriptions. One good friend of the college stopped payment on his check for $400."

Mr. Clark states in his report that "it is needless to state that the unsettled conditions at the college this year made it almost impossible to get money. People will not give money until they know what is going to happen."

The final report of Mr. McKnight, which shows that up to May 18, 1923, the results of the campaign were as follows, confirms these statements.

	Subscriptions.	Cash received
From the Church	$130,452.19	$53,841.05
From the Alumni	11,182.39	4,322.23
From the Community	4,691.41	4,253.41
Total	$146,325.99	$62,416.69

which leaves the sum of $83,909.30 yet to be collected from the campaign. The total expenses of the campaign to date of the report are $8,762.10, which leaves a balance of $53,654.59 for distribution.

Of this sum the Board has made the following payments:

Bills on McKee Hall	$ 6,000.00
Endowment	12,500.00
Current Account debt	12,500.00
Synod's Board to Current Account	20,000.00
New Castle Budget, credited by mistake	140.25
Total	$51,140.25
Bank balance May 18, 1923	$ 2,514.34

The Financial reports of J. S. Tibby, Treasurer, and of Miss E. May Girvan, the local treasurer of the college, have already been before your Board, and are not repeated here.

Attendance.

The attendance this year is the largest in the history of the college. The report of the registrar shows the following figures in the different departments:

Extension Division	309
Summer School	311
Day School	292
School of Music	161
School of Public Speaking	142
	1215
Deduct for names repeated	249
Total	966

The Extension Department and the Summer School have both exceeded any former year. The financial statement of the Extension Department shows a balance of $2,448.98, and the Summer School a balance of $1,075.31 of receipts over expenditures. This is a very gratifying condition in these departments.

The graduating class this year numbered 42, of whom 34 received the degree of A. B., 5 the degree of B. S., 1 the degree of B. O., and 2 the degree of B. M. Nine of those who received the A. B. degree were from the Extension Classes. Twelve of the class are from our own church, 6 men and 6 women.

Inter-Collegiate Contests.

The work in inter-collegiate contests this year has been up to the Geneva standard. Geneva debating teams won five out of six debates. The men's teams won from Grove City, Westminster and Thiel, and lost one debate to Thiel. The girls' teams won over Grove City and Westminster. Geneva thus secured first place in the league.

The Geneva representative took third place in the oratorical contest.

The athletic situation this year has been far from satisfactory. Geneva has gotten an unmerited notoriety that will be hard to overcome. At the close of the football season it was published all over the country, and even across the seas, that the resignations of the members of the faculty were due to the failure of the team to win games. That it was wholly untrue did not get the wide publicity that the first reports received, and the injury done to the college cannot be estimated. The football team won four games from Class B college teams, and lost three. Three games were also lost to the Class A teams of W. & J., Carnegie Tech., and Pitt., making the record for the season four games won and six lost.

The unsettled conditions in the college and the continued attacks in the daily press led Mr. Park to offer his resignation as athletic director and as track coach, on January 23, 1923, and his resignation was accepted.

A committee was appointed and empowered to secure a football coach for 1923. Mr. Tom Davies, a graduate of Pitt, has been secured at a salary of $3,000 for the football season. It is understood in the Board that certain Alumni have pledged $2,000 of this sum, leaving only $1,000 to be paid from the college treasury.

J. B. Tweed, T. H. Martin, J. R. Steele, D. C. Ward, and J. C. Slater recorded their protest against the payment of a salary to an athletic coach so out of proportion to the salaries of the members of the faculty.

The basketball team was coached by Dr. H. C. McCarter and won 7 of the 18 games played. The team was handicapped by the loss of some of its promising players through illness and injuries.

The track team won the annual meet with Allegheny college at Meadville, by a score of 70 to 56. Defeats were suffered at the hands of W. & J. by a score of 46 to 67; and Pitt, the score being 44 to 82. Westminster was defeated by a score of 91 to 39.

Reports coming before the Board resulted in the adoption of the following resolutions:

Whereas, The giving of scholarships to college students as a consideration for representing the college on any athletic team is a step toward professionalism, and

Whereas, To provide board or room rent free, and to give money as a payment for representing the college on any athletic team, is professionalism, and

Whereas, Such commercializing of collegiate athletics is a pernicious violation of scholastic and amateur sportsmanship, and

Whereas, Such practices tend to create jealousy and dissatisfaction among the players on the different teams and in the student body, and

Whereas, These practices, in general, prove to be a degrading and demoralizing influence upon the character of the students receiving such considerations, as well as a reflection upon the institution extending them, and

Whereas, such practices amount to an unethical use of college funds,

Be it Resolved:

1. That none of the resources of Geneva College, including money from gate receipts at athletic contests, guarantees from other colleges for games, gifts to the college for athletic purposes, and students' athletic tuition fees, be used in any way whatsoever to provide remuneration of any kind to students who represent the college on athletic teams.

2. That any employee of the college who promises scholarships from college funds for participation in athletics, or uses the funds of the college in any way to provide remuneration for participation in athletics, be discharged at once.

3. That any activities of Alumni and friends of the college which might lead to professionalism be discouraged.

It is hoped that the faithful application of these principles will prevent those tendencies that court disaster.

Religious Life.

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. continued their usual activities during the year. The Sabbath morning Bible class under the direction of Professor Coleman, and Wednesday evening meetings were held regularly. Rev. Floyd W. Barr, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Beaver Falls, gave five evangelistic addresses to the students at the chapel hour during the week that the churches were conducting a simultaneous evangelistic campaign in all the churches. The monthly convocation services were held on the first Sabbath of each month, with the ministerial members of the faculty preaching in turn.

Proposed Changes in the Board.

At the meeting of the Board in Pittsburgh on December 8, 1922, there was adopted by the Board a plan for your consideration, which, if adopted, would result in the enlargement of the Board of Trustees.

At the meeting on May 25, 1923, a motion was offered that the action adopting this plan be rescinded. This motion was lost, but T. H. Martin, D. C. Ward, E. L. McKnight, J. R. Steele and J. C. Slater asked that their votes be recorded in favor of rescinding that action, and earnestly protest against its adoption.

The plan is submitted for your consideration.

Resolved, That this Board of Trustees urgently recommend to the Board of Corporators of Geneva College the addition of nine members to the Board of Trustees in some such manner as is outlined in the following plan:

2. That a committee of three be appointed to completely formulate the intent and spirit of the attached paper, and have charge of its advocacy before the Board of Corporators.

3. That the Board of Trustees shall be composed of 21 members, elected by the present method; that is, by the Board of Corporators.

4. Fifteen of these members, three of whom shall be women, shall be chosen from the Covenanter Church, three from the Alumni and three from the community in which the college is located.

5. The members from the Alumni shall be nominated by ballot by the Alumni themselves. Each graduate of Geneva College is entitled to one vote. Since few of the Alumni can get to the annual meeting of the Association, voting shall be by mail, each member having the privilege of suggesting six names. Since the younger Alumni are not acquainted with the older Alumni, a suggestive list of twenty names or more, with short biographical sketches attached for informational purposes, should be sent out to each Alumnus. Any Alumnus has the privilege of voting for names not on the list, if the list does not suit him. The six receiving the highest number of votes shall be counted as nominated. These six names with biographical sketches attached for informational purposes, shall be placed before the Board of Corporators at their annual meeting. The Board of Corporators shall elect three from this list as regular members of the Board of Trustees. These members shall be elected, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. In each succeeding year, three persons shall be nominated in the manner described above, and one member from these three nominations shall be elected for the full period of three years. Members shall be eligible for re-election for an indefinite number of terms.

6. The members from the community shall be nominated by the Board of Trustees of the College. Six persons shall be nominated and their names with short biographical sketches attached for informational purposes, presented to the Board of Corporators. From these six the Board of Corporators shall elect three as regular members of the Board of Trustees; one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years. In each succeeding year, three shall be nominated, and one of the three elected for the full term of three years. Members shall be eligible for re-election for an indefinite number of terms.

7. To safeguard the Christian character of the college, and to preserve its distinctive Covenanter practices and beliefs, each person nominated by the Alumni, or by the Board of Trustees to represent the community, must be a member in good standing in an Evangelical church, and shall be required to sign the following statement and attitude before his name is presented to the Board of Corporators for action.

1. I am a member in good and regular standing in the .....church.

2. I believe the Bible to be the Word of God and the Divine rule of faith and conduct.

3. I believe that Jesus Christ is not only the Saviour of individual men, but also King and Ruler of nations, and should be acknowledged as such.

4. I agree not to attempt to change the policy and practice of the college in matters of religious worship or with respect to fraternities.

5. I am heartily in favor of the effort of the Covenanter Church to maintain the highest possible standard of Christian instruction and morals in Geneva college.

The committee to formulate the intent and spirit of this plan has prepared a form of petition to the court asking for the change in the Charter for the use of the Board of Corporators should the plan be adopted.

The following names are presented by the Board of Trustees from which three members may be elected as representatives of the community on the Board of Trustees if the plan is adopted.

John T. Reeves; Geneva graduate; Presbyterian; banker.

Charles R. May, Geneva graduate, Presbyterian; attorney.

George A. Starr, Grove City graduate; Presbyterian; insurance.

Rev. Charles R. Bell, Geneva graduate; Presbyterian; minister.

W. A. Harbison, Princeton graduate; Presbyterian; financier

Walter G. Bert, Presbyterian; banker.

We ask your consideration of the following request of the Board:

The action by the Board of Trustees of Geneva College in its report to the Board of Corporators last year and the recommendation contained in the report of the committee of Geneva college to the annual meeting of Synod last year, that the college funds be transferred by Synod's Board of Trustees to Geneva college, not being broad enough in its scope to meet the requirements of the Rockefeller Foundation since contributions from that Foundation will not be given where the assets of the institution to be assisted are not wholly within the control of that Institution, it is recommended that a conveyance of all the real estate held by the Trustees of the Synod for Geneva College be made to Geneva College, and that an assignment or transfer be made by said Board to said College of all bonds, mortgages and other securities held by Synod's Board of Trustees which were purchased by it with the funds of Geneva college, and that Synod's Board of Trustees be directed to make such conveyance and transfer as soon as the same can possibly be done, by the execution of such instrument in writing as may be necessary to fully vest the title to all real estate

and personal property held by it in trust for and for the benefit of Geneva College.

J. C. Slater was appointed to represent the Board of Trustees before the Co-ordinating Committee, and instructed to ask for $20,000 from Synod's budget for the coming year.

R. M. Young and A. A. Johnston were appointed to represent the Board before the Board of Corporators and on the floor of Synod.

Respectfully submitted by order of the Board of Trustees.

JOHN C. SLATER, Secretary.

Synod adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 8:45, M. M. Pearce leading in prayer.

TUESDAY FORENOON.

Same Place, 8:45 o'clock.

Synod met according to adjournment, was called to order by the Moderator, and constituted with prayer by J. S. Sewart. The roll was called. Devotional exercises were conducted by R. J. G. McKnight. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Theological Seminary was read by the chairman, R. C. Reed, and taken up item by item. The report was amended, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary would respectfully report: Four papers were referred to us; the report of the Superintendents of the Seminary; the recommendation of the Board of Synod's Trustees as to the place of holding the sessions of the Seminary; and the resolution as to granting certificates at the time of licensure and ordination.

In the report of the Superintendents of the Theological Seminary we note the appointment of a committee to confer with a similar committee of the Board of Trustees of Geneva College, as to how more students for the Seminary can be secured from the College Alumni.

We would like to impress on our young men that there is no calling that opens a wider door for the service of our Divine Redeemer and enthroned King than the gospel ministry. There is no calling where one can better serve his fellow men. The rewards for such service are most attractive.

1. As to the report of the Superintendents of the Seminary, and the recommendation of the Board of Synod's Trustees:

(a). That a committee on the Seminary building be appointed by the Synod. This committee shall be empowered to erect or buy a building when in their judgment it shall be to the

best interests of the church to do so. This committee shall consist of seven persons. The professors of the Seminary shall be consultative members. The maximum amount for Seminary Building shall be $35,000.00.

(b). That the Seminary remain at its present location for the time being.

2. As to the Constitution of the Theological Seminary: We would recommend that it be adopted.

3. As to the resolution calling for the professors and students to conduct a two weeks' evangelistic campaign during each seminary year.

We would recommend that the spirit of this resolution be commended and that the students be encouraged to engage in some kind of missionary work and engage in evangelistic campaigns under the leadership of those who have had experience in such service.

4. That Synod indorse the reading course of the Seminary and encourage our ministers to take it up and complete it.

5. As to the resolution on certificates. We would recommend that Presbyteries issue certificates of licensure and ordination to ministers when licensed or ordained.

Respectfully submitted,
R. C. REED.
S. E. GREER.
M. S McMILLAN.
R. M. DOWNIE.
JAMES CARSON.

The appointment of the Seminary Building Committee, and of the members of the Board of Superintendents was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The preparation of the certificates mentioned in Item 5 was referred to the officers of the Board of Superintendents.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

The Board of Superintendents of the Theological Seminary respectfully report that three special meetings and the regular annual meeting were held during the year. The latter was held in the East End church on Tuesday, April 24, 1923, in connection with the closing exercises of the Seminary. Eleven members were present: M. M. Pearce, E. W. Jones, J. D. McAnlis, and W. R. Sterrett were absent. Five members were present at the hour of adjournment.

The Professors submitted their reports which were approved and have been published. The Seminary year opened on Sep-

tember 19, 1922, with an address by Prof. Wylie on "Things Pertaining to the Kingdom." The following is the enrollment:

Third Year—Cloyd Erskine Caskey, John Clifford Mathews.
Second Year—David Barton Russell, Paul D. White.
First Year—William M. Doig.

Mr. Doig is a member of the Walton, N. Y., congregation, and is under the care of New York Presbytery.

Each student preached twice during the year before the professors and once before the Board. Two oral examinations were conducted before the Board, and examination papers in the other subjects were submitted to the Board. The sermons of the students before the Board were criticised and approved. The students of the second year were recommended to their presbyteries for licensure, and the students of the third year were given certificates of graduation.

The grades submitted by the professors were transmitted to Presbyteries.

Mr. R. A. M. Steele has given the students instruction in singing during the year, and will continue his work next year.

The special meetings of the year were called to consider problems connected with a new location for the Seminary. Before the last meeting of Synod, arrangements had been made to remodel the fourth floor of the Seminary building as a dormitory, and to use the front room of the third floor as a recitation room and library. Synod authorized the Board of Trustees of Synod to sell the old building, and to secure a new one. The Board of Trustees sold the building, and invited this Board into consultation in selecting a new Seminary building. When no satisfactory building was secured during the summer, the Seminary was located in the East End church. Objections were raised by professors and students, and in March the Board appointed a committee to find a suitable building in Oakland or Allegheny. At the annual meeting the following action was taken: "This Board requests Synod's Board of Trustees to unite with it in requesting Synod to consider this matter again, and to determine whether it would not be better to erect a new building." A committee was appointed, in the meantime, to cooperate with Synod's Board, to collect data with reference to the purchase of a lot and the erection of a building, and to bring them to Synod." The location decided on is North Side, Pittsburgh, and no provision is to be made for furnishing meals to the students.

During the year a course of graduate study under the direction of the professors was offered to the church. The course is planned to cover about three years, and, if it can be arranged, to lead to the earned degree of Bachelor of Divinity. The plan is that each Professor recommend for study three books each year, or an equivalent, making six a year, and eighteen in three years. Twenty-seven ministers, one elder, and one outside the church registered for the course.

A committee was appointed to confer with a similar com-

mittee of the college Board of Trustees, if appointed, as to how more students for the Seminary can be secured from the college alumni.

Announcement was made of the gift to the Seminary library of the library of the late Rev. S. B. Houston. The professors' joint report calls attention to the need to increase the library fund if the library is to be of an up-to-date character.

W. J. Coleman was appointed the representative of the Seminary before the Co-ordinating Committee, and was instructed to ask $1 000 for the current account and $500 for the library fund.

Synod at its last meeting decided to appoint a committee to draft a new Constitution for the Seminary, to be submitted to this meeting of Synod for adoption. The appointment of this committee was overlooked by the Nominating Committee. This Board has taken the liberty of appointing such a committee. The Constitution prepared has been approved by the Board, and is herewith submitted to Synod for approval and adoption.

If this Constitution is not adopted, and no other plan proposed, provision should be made for the appointment of this Board. The term of eleven members expires this year.

W. J. COLEMAN, Chairman.
J. B. WILLSON, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA.

In order to provide a succession of godly and able men for the Gospel Ministry through the blessing of the Head of the Church in connection with a course of theological instruction, the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America has established a Theological Seminary, for which the Synod hereby adopts the following constitution.

ARTICLE I. NAME.

The name of this institution shall be The Theological Seminary of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America.

ARTICLE II. OBJECT.

The object of the Seminary shall be to instruct candidates for the gospel ministry and others who may be preparing for special lines of Christian service in the knowledge of the doctrines of the Scriptures and in the order and institutes of worship taught therein and summarily exhibited in the Standards of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America; to cherish in them a life of piety and godliness, to cultivate the spirit of evangelism, to imbue them with enthusiasm for the principles of the kingdom of Christ, and to cultivate the gifts which Christ, the Head of the Church, confers on those whom He calls to the ministry.

ARTICLE III. CONTROL.

The Seminary shall be under the entire control of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, which shall choose its professors, designate the subjects to be taught by each professor, decide the length of term and the conditions of licensure and graduation, determine the location of the Seminary, and also choose a Board of Superintendents or direct how it shall be chosen.

ARTICLE IV. THE BOARD OF SUPERINTENDENTS.

Sec. 1. Synod shall choose a Board of Superintendents consisting of six ministers and three elders, all of whom shall be in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and a majority of whom shall be residents within the vicinity of the Seminary. Of this number one-third, or two ministers and one elder, shall be chosen annually to serve three years. A quorum shall consist of five members.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Board of Superintendents to see that the instructions of the Synod are carried out in the working of the Seminary, to supervise the teaching, to consider complaints, to see that examinations are thorough, to criticise sermons, to suggest methods, to fill vacancies in the faculty during the interval between meetings of the Synod, to report annually to Synod the attendance of the students, the condition of the Seminary and its needs, and, in general, to superintend, to safeguard and to promote all its interests.

Sec. 3. The Board of Superintendents shall recommend students to Presbyteries for licensure at the end of the second year, and shall grant diplomas at the end of the course, and in doing so shall consider the character, abilities and scholarship of the students.

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Board, and shall present to Synod at its annual meetings a faithful report of these proceedings.

ARTICLE V. THE PROFESSORS.

Sec. 1. The Professors shall be ordained ministers in good standing in the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America, chosen to this work by the Synod. Their salaries shall be fixed by the Synod. They shall be inducted into office by the Board, or by a committee of the same appointed for the purpose, and shall accept this Constitution and renew their pledge of fidelity to the Standards of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

Sec. 2. The Professors shall as a faculty have charge of all recitations and exercises in the Seminary, the manner of conducting the several departments of instruction and the government of the students. They shall have power to suspend any student for neglect of duty, for heretical opinions, for immoral conduct, for pursuing divisive courses, or who may be, for any cause, an unprofitable member of the institution; and it shall

be their duty to report the case immediately to his Presbytery.

Sec. 3. The Professors in their several departments, and as a Faculty, bearing in mind that godliness is a most important qualification for the ministry, shall give special attention to measures adapted to develop and strengthen personal piety.

Sec. 4. Each professor shall present to the Board of Superintendents at each annual meeting a detailed report of the work done in his department during the year then closing, the textbooks used and the subjects covered in each, together with a statement of the standing of each student in recitations and examination in the studies pursued. The professors shall also present to the Board at each annual meeting a joint report including all matters of interest not included in their individual reports, such as the enrollment of students, the physical conditions under which the Seminary work is conducted, the health of professors and students, the industry with which the work of the year has been performed, and all other matters that may be necessary to enable the Board to discharge their duties intelligently.

Sec. 5. The professors shall be consultative members of the Board of Superintendents.

ARTICLE VI. STUDENTS.

Sec. 1. The Faculty shall admit as students all who are duly certified by any Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in North America. They may at their discretion admit others to their classes.

Sec. 2. Every student contemplating the work of the ministry shall produce evidence that he has taken a regular college course or its equivalent, including at least two years in Greek.

Sec. 3. Before being admitted to the Seminary every student shall, in the presence of the Faculty, subscribe a written declaration that while he is a student in this Seminary he will regularly attend upon all instructions of the professors, and will comply promptly with all lawful requirements of the Faculty.

Sec. 4. The students shall be examined in the subjects and textbooks prescribed for each year. The passing grade shall be sixty-five per cent, in recitations and examinations. Students who fail in a first examination may be admitted to a second.

ARTICLE VII. COURSE OF STUDY.

Sec. 1. The course of study shall consist of the following subjects: English Bible, Introduction, Exegesis, Apologetics, History, Systematic Theology and Practical Theology.

Sec. 2. The course of study shall extend over a period of not less than three years. An examination at the end of each Seminary year shall be conducted in the presence of the Board of Superintendents. If this Board so decides, the examinations in all but one branch in each professor's department may be written, the examination papers to be submitted for inspection to the members of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII. FINANCES.

The finances of this Seminary, including its invested funds and buildings, are placed under the management of Synod's Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS.

The Synod shall have power to change or to amend this Constitution at any regular meeting by a two-thirds vote, or, after a year's notice by a majority vote.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Board of Superintendents shall choose its own Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary each year, but its Treasurer shall be the Treasurer of Synod's Board of Trustees.

2. The Board shall have its regular annual meeting at the time of the closing exercises of the Seminary, but it is most desirable that the members within easy reach of Pittsburgh attend the opening exercises in September. The Chairman of the Board may call a meeting at any time at the request of four members of the Board.

3. Any member of the Board who leaves a meeting of the Board before its final adjournment without consent of the Board, forfeits his traveling expenses, and the Treasurer is to wait until that time before paying such expenses.

4. The Seminary term is to be as nearly eight months as can be arranged, and is to begin on the third Tuesday of September and to end on the first Tuesday of May.

5. As a part of his inauguration service each Professor shall publicly profess his acceptance of the Terms of Communion of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and shall sign the following pledge in a book kept for this purpose:

"In the presence of God and the members of the Board of Superintendents, I do solemnly profess my acceptance of the Terms of Communion of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, and do promise that I will not teach, directly or indirectly, anything contrary thereto, or inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully execute the office of a professor in this Theological Seminary."

6. Each professor in turn is to give a lecture at the opening of the Seminary term on some topic of general interest connected with studies followed in the Seminary.

7. The Professors shall have joint care of the library of the Seminary, shall decide what periodicals are to be subscribed for and shall take care that when received they are promptly filed and kept in their places that they may be consulted, shall see that a record is kept of books taken from the library, and that when returned they are put in their proper place in the cases, shall consult with each other and buy such books as may be deemed necessary and see that they are placed in the proper case and entered on the filing cards. They shall also have such periodicals bound as the library is expected to preserve.

8. Every student upon entering the Seminary shall be matriculated by entering in a book kept for that purpose his name in full, place of residence, place of previous study, name of congregation to which he belongs, and name of Presbytery under whose care he has been taken.

9. Each student, unless excused for sufficient cause by the Faculty, is to preach three sermons each Seminary year, the last one before the Board. The professors are to assign texts for these sermons alternately. In selecting these texts care is to be taken that the students are given passages for lectures and Psalm explanations, and that not only are the great doctrines of grace to be discussed, but that each student during his Seminary course shall have two sermons, one from each professor, on the principles of the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

10. At the discretion of the Board, subject to the approval of Synod, special instruction for the students may be provided in church music and elocution.

11. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Synod by a majority vote.

Synod took recess until 2 p. m., prayer by Elder S. R. Boggs.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Same Place, 2:00 o'clock.

Synod reconvened, was called to order by the Moderator, and led in prayer by Elder S. A. Sterrett. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Moderator named the following Standing Committees:

Devotional Exercises—

Walter McCarroll
J. H. Pritchard
G. A. Edgar
R. J. Bole
A. J. Harding

Sabbath—

R. C. Reed
J. M. Foster
F. L. Stewart
Geo. A. McKee
R. A. M. Steele

Signs of the Times—

J. M. Wylie
W. J. Coleman
A. A. Samson
Robert Luney
J. T. Finley

Secret Societies—

D. B. Martin
Robert Park
R. J. G. McKnight
T. Z. Cummings
Oliver Willson

Unfinished Business—

The Clerks

A request from Pittsburg Presbytery that the name of Rev. J. F. Crozier be restored to Synod's roll was granted.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was submitted by the chairman, J. R. W. Stevenson, and taken up item by item. The missionaries at home on furlough, together with Miss Alice Robb, under appointment to China, were presented to the court. J. S. Stewart represented the work in Syria. As Mrs. R. E. Willson was presented, F. M. Foster led in prayer. Miss Jennie M. Dean and Dr. Kate McBurney spoke of the work in China. Walter McCarroll addressed the court in behalf of the Foreign Board. A letter from Julius Kempf with reference to political conditions in China was read by F. M. Wilson. The report was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—Your Committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully report:

Five papers have been placed in our hands.

1. Report of Foreign Mission Board.
2. Communication from the Near East Relief.
3. Minutes of China Commission.
4. A request from Foreign Mission Board for financial aid above Budget allowances.
5. A request from Third Philadelphia congregation for privilege to contribute to Missions aside from the Budget.

We note first of all the most excellent report of the Foreign Mission Board, conveying to the church a clear knowledge of the work done in all the fields occupied. We note with sorrow that death has depleted the force of laborers both at home and abroad, first removing an esteemed member of the Foreign Mission Board, Mr. William G. Carson, and later our beloved brother, Rev. Robert E. Willson, a most efficient and indefatigable laborer.

We rejoice in the undaunted spirit of those who still labor even in the most difficult fields, and in all the evidences of the Master's presence and approval.

We rejoice that those who may not at present return to the foreign field are rendering an excellent service in the home field. We rejoice in the marks of progress towards a self-supporting church in the foreign fields.

The condition of the work demands more laborers and also more money than can be given from our Budget.

We therefore recommend:

1. That unceasing prayer be made that the Lord of the harvest may thrust forth laborers into his harvest and that as we pray we shall also labor to persuade young people to consecrate their lives to the service of our King.
2. That contributions to special objects, received from congregations that have paid their budget in full, or from individual

members of such congregations, be allotted to those objects without subtracting from the amount those objects shall receive from the Budget

3. We commend the cordial relations of our workers with the Near East Relief and remind our people of the continued need of liberal contributions.

4. That Walter McCarroll and F. M. Wilson be heard on behalf of the Board and that Miss Dean and Dr. Kate McBurney also be heard.

5. That M. M. Pearce, T. M. Slater, J. W. F. Carlisle, R. A. Blair, and Evan W. Jones be chosen their own successors as members of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. W. STEVENSON.
J. K. ROBB.
E. C. MITCHELL.
J. M. ADAMS.
J. J. McELROY.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS TO THE SYNOD OF 1923.

In these sad and stormy days exceeding great and precious is the promise of our Master, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." This is the ever-fulfilled word of Him who ordained missions. Through all the days thenceforward his ambassadors have toiled in the confidence: "though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me." The nations are in ferment. The signs are ominous. Forebodings fill our minds. Not one of our mission fields is unmoved by the turmoil. Busy death is willing servant to violence and plague. Yet not one note of fear has come from any field. Never more clearly than now have our missionaries seemed to hear the reassuring words of their Master: "Fear thou not, for I am with thee. Be not dismayed for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee; yea I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.." Some of our missionaries have been weakened in the way. Untoward circumstances have detained others at home. One has been granted the martyr's crown. On February 18, 1923, Robert E. Willson rested from his labors. He finished his course and his works do follow him. Widow and fatherless children have returned to the church and friends at home. Earnest prayers will be continually added to the sacrificial toil of this fallen hero. And the great work goes on; still stands the steadfast word, "always, even unto the end of the world."

As for the Church which waits and prays and serves and pays, what shall be her immediate program? By conditions in every station startling and unsettling, under which she cannot be unmoved and unquestioning, we are thrown back anew on the unconditioned authority and sufficiency of the Almighty Christ: "Go ye;" and, "when thou passest through the waters,

I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee; for I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour." What is the spirit of those at the front? Are they discouraged by conditions so universally unfavorable? The Church is entitled to know that not one gives evidence of discouragement. There is not a disheartened note in a single report. The unwavering faith of our missionaries is a direct challenge to the church at home. However the fortunes of battle may go in the passing hour, do we with the workers on the field, so truly believe in our Christ, His present generalship and his ultimate victory, that we see clearly but one duty, to hold on, to stand in the battle, to press forward under our Lord's command and leadership, to fill up our depleted ranks, to strengthen and lengthen our lines, to expand and take the field for Christ and righteousness?

ASIA MINOR.

Reviewing the year's work our minds turn first to poor, downtrodden Asia Minor. Mr. Willson's death is a sad and serious blow to the mission force. Let the bereaved missionaries speak in a paragraph of their report: "God in His wise providence has seen fit to take from the mission, from the Covenanter Church and from his family our much-loved fellow worker, Rev. Robert E. Willson. With tears in our eyes and deep sorrow in our hearts, we bow in submission to His will. Our comfort is in the Great Shepherd who knew his own and took him to be forever with Him. Is this providence not a challenge to the Covenanter Church? Who will answer the call and take up the work where he laid it down? He did his work faithfully and well. Are there not other men who are willing to take up the work? Mr. Willson counted not his life dear, but gave it up for his fellow men, and for the Saviour who died for him."

Referring to the general conditions in those parts, they give us these words: "The land is still in a very troubled state, but our hope and our comfort come from God. In Him we trust, and in Him we boast." Political conditions limited evangelistic effort almost exclusively to Mersina, with one lone Bible woman doing what was possible in Tarsus. Possibly, in the future the faithful native workers banished to Syria will be permitted to return and take up once more their service. Poverty and woe continue and will likely continue until Jesus Christ is accepted. This has made relief a large part of the work. Regular Sabbath services were kept up, Mr. Willson preaching in the morning until stricken down with his fatal illness, and one of the native brethren leading the prayer meeting in the afternoon. These prayer meetings were held in one of the homes and were well attended, and the mid-week prayer meeting was kept up.

In the schools was found a fair representation of nearly all classes: Moslems, Armenians, Protestants, Catholics, Greek Orthodox and Persians. The enrollment is reported "good, considering conditions." And in a private letter written about the

same time as the report Miss French says "the schools were really larger than last year, with a better daily attendance, and a nice spirit among the children." And, continuing, Miss French expresses the belief "that the only hope for this land is for God's people to bring the children together to teach them from the Book which is so full of love." With daily Bible classes and church services all their pupils are under the influence of the gospel and are being shown that the only way to have the peace and happiness for which they are longing is through the Lord Jesus Christ.

In Mersina there is a crying need for new workers. Dr. R. E. Smith and Mrs. Smith went up from Latakia immediately after Mr. Willson's death and helped for about six weeks. Mr. Hutcheson, of the Larnaca station, was transferred to Mersina about the middle of April and will stay for the present. Miss Archer, having been married to the Rev. Mr. Lytle, enters with him into service at Suadea. Thus we are again left without the prospect of a nurse for that station, and Miss French and Miss McElroy alone are left to occupy that field. Dr. Peoples and Mrs. Peoples long and pray for the day when they may return. There is immediate need for a minister, a physician, a nurse, and a young man for the teaching force. And we doubt whether in the range of missionary endeavor there is anything much more heroic than the spirit of these lonely and bereaved women, far out in a sea of danger and death, plaintively pleading with the Board and the Church to be accorded the simple privilege of staying and working on at their posts until the Sovereign Christ shall in His grace send other workers to help and cheer their brave hearts.

SYRIA.

Coming to Latakia we find the situation much as a year ago. Dr. and Mrs. Smith and Miss Cunningham, having availed themselves of the opportunity to study the language at Suk-el-Gharb, are now well into the active service at the station. Rev. A. J. McFarland has acted in the dual capacity of teacher and preacher. Mrs. McFarland has rendered most valuable and efficient service not only as mission treasurer but in other capacities as well. Miss Edgar, with the help of a native woman, has made encouraging progress in the new department as Bible evangelist among women and children. Miss Kennedy has shown herself efficient and resourceful in the school work; and, while nominally employed in English, has made good progress in the study and use of the Arabic, thus increasing her opportunities among the people. Dr. Balph has been wholly employed in the medical evangelistic department, and working up to the full limit of his strength, and even beyond his strength. For nearly two month Dr. and Mrs. Balph were compelled to leave the field for a rest.

The organization of the congregation in Latakia and the installation of the Rev. Khalil Awad as its pastor have proved wise The congregation "has had a successful year. The gospel has been regularly preached, and the attendance has been

good. A larger number than usual of outsiders has been present from time to time, many of them inquirers after truth. Two new elders and one deacon have been elected and ordained." A new unity has been established among the scattered groups of Christians in our Syrian field by connecting them all formally with the congregation of Latakia. And this was done at the request of the people themselves. They were widely scattered and had no connection with the congregation. Their request was granted, the missionary members of the session concurring. The scattered groups promised to give all material and moral aid to the congregation and to keep up their regular social meetings for worship. Thus are bound into one, under their native minister, all who have professed their faith in Christ. In addition to his pastoral duties, Mr. Awad has also visited the outside schools several times. He spent one month of vacation in Eldaney, during which he visited the schools in that region and held a communion. He also dispensed two communions in Latakia, and one in Gunamia. During the year thirteen persons have been received into the church and twenty-one children were baptized. The Sabbath School had an enrollment of 142 and an average attendance of 89.

Many Armenian refugees were in Latakia during the year, and relief work claimed a considerable portion of time and energy. An Armenian worker of their own number, and part of the time an Armenian pastor worked among them. Thus meetings for worship were provided them either in our church or, weather permitting, in the open air.

The Boys' School under the care of Rev. A. J. McFarland, was open nine months of the year with an enrollment of 101. Mrs. McFarland had charge of the boarding department, and four native teachers were employed. The Girls' School was in charge of Miss Kennedy and had an attendance of 96 regular pupils with 10 others attending English and French classes. Five native teachers have been employed and Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Balph have taught classes in English. Morning prayers are held daily and other religious exercises in which the pupils take part. Psalms and Scripture verses are recited. The catechisms are taught. A half hour of special religious instruction is given each day. Most of the children in the day schools attend the Sabbath School. Thus in every way the aim is to assign to religious instruction a place of primary importance.

Miss Edgar's Bible work among the women has opened auspiciously and encouragingly. Her home is outside the mission compound so as to open the way for inquirers to visit her with less suspicion attaching to them. Many Moslem friends have come. A score of Moslem homes are now open to regular visits and as many more to increasingly frequent calls. Visits among the Christian sects are only limited by the time and strength of the workers. Reckoning as visits only those where some portion of scripture is read, hundreds have been recorded this first year of the work.

More than 150 lessons have been given to those learning to

read. Group meetings in the homes are constantly held for Scripture reading and prayer. Three times a week the native Bible woman has opened the medical clinics with exercises of worship and instruction. Here an average of fifty persons is reached in each meeting.

In the village schools, which number 13, with a total enrollment of 350, much effort has been put forth and with encouraging results. The schools for boys and girls in Suadea were turned over to our brethren of the Irish and Scotch Board on October 1st. The transfer of the properties, necessarily a slow and complicated procedure is in progress. The native teachers on whom the missions must depend for teaching in the village schools have proved faithful and earnest. Mr. Awad and Dr. McFarland supervise the work by occasional tours of inspection. So interested in the education of their children are the people of the villages that they pay for the houses and most of the books. Religious meetings are held by the teachers in the villages every Sabbath day. These teachers were gathered for a three days' conference in Latakia last September. Mr. Awad and Dr. McFarland conducted the Bible studies on the life of Paul and the Acts. School methods were discussed, papers on teaching subjects were read by the teachers and discussed by all present. All but three of the village and city teachers were able to be present.

With two doctors at the station, the **medical department** was enlarged in its activities. Dr. and Mrs. Smith spent six months in the language school and Dr. and Mrs. Balph, owing to overwork, were required to take two months' rest. The hospital has sixteen beds and an average of fourteen were occupied the nine months the hospital was in operation. Much of the time the entire sixteen were occupied. Of the 162 in-patients treated in the hospital 152 were cured or left in an improved condition, and 10 died. Thus for prolonged periods numbers equal in all to one of our larger congregations in America were under direct Christian instruction and at a time when such influence would be most potent. Those who died did not pass out into the beyond without having heard the way of salvation. In the earlier part of the year attendance on the clinics varied from 60 to 125; and the latter part from 40 to 60. The approximate number treated in the year is 6000. The number of patients visited in their homes 650. Dr. Balph says: "The Lord is blessing the work as the Holy Spirit directs it." Our mission sees as the greatest present need in the medical department means of transportation to reach the villages. In the city of Latakia there are now seven native and two American doctors. But the country districts must suffer without medical attention unless they can come to the city or pay a large fee to have a doctor go to them. Our doctors hope to visit these villages soon and plan to extend their outside work as much as possible while continuing the clinics and hospitals. To do this extension work they need a Dodge car, and earnestly appeal for one. The Board endorses the appeal, believing that some person or organization in the church should and will furnish the same.

After summing up the apparent results of their year's work the missionaries say: "These things are what is seen. Of them alone we can speak, but there is much that is hidden behind the veil that our short sight cannot pierce. Of this we can only conjecture. How much of the seed sown has borne, or may yet bear, fruitage perhaps we may never know on this side of final sun-setting; but it is ours prayerfully, trustfully to sow the seed in faith that the future days may bring the reaping time of joy."

The total church membership in Syria is 240. In all their Sabbath Schools there are enrolled 517; and in day schools, 557.

The successful work of Dr. Stewart among the Syrians of New Castle, Pa., was continued right through last summer without vacation, thus making good use of the greater leisure of the children when they were free from day school. The average attendance for the past year was 31. A surprising amount of Bible work was conducted. "Our opportunity lies in the fact," says Dr. Stewart, "that many parents are anxious to have their children learn the Arabic, which is their mother tongue, and are willing that we should use the Bible in our work." Thus, while some time has been given to writing and grammar in Arabic, the "school has been practically and pre-eminently a Bible school." The school was held in a building occupied as a Greek Orthodox church, but this year the pupils have been required to pay the rent and other monthly expenses. All the children are from Greek Orthodox families except three, who are Nusairiyeh. Dr. Stewart reports that "they are all bright, interesting children, and with very few exceptions there has been marked progress in religious knowledge, in Bible reading and behavior. It has been a pleasure to teach and counsel them, and we have made many friends among parents and children. I can truly say that there are at least six of our pupils whom I would not hesitate to receive into the membership of the church, should they apply."

In addition to the school work, Dr. Stewart teaches a Bible class in the New Castle congregation in the morning and one at the Welfare Mission at 3 p. m. each Sabbath.

CYPRUS.

In reviewing the year in Cyprus it may be sufficient to touch on the salient points. Since last Synod, Rev. Alvin W. Smith and Mr. Earnest V. Tweed returned to America, having completed their term. The former is not in vigorous health. We trust he may shortly be restored. In September there sailed to the Island, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Weir, Mr. Chester T. Hutcheson. Miss Lola Weir and Miss Ada M. Wilson. The two latter went to found the Girls' School in Nicosia, their support being provided for by the Women's Synodical Society out of their thank offerings.

Following the continued outrages in Cilicia and Smyrna, many refugees sought safety in Cyprus, and a good measure of

relief work became necessary. To meet this need our treasurer sent forward a portion of the relief money contributed by the Church.

All departments in Cyprus had a good year financially. As for the Academy at Larnaca, there was an enrollment of 219, representing many nationalities. Here, at least, Armenians and Turks lived in peace, for there were 82 of the former and 33 of the latter in the school.

There were besides our four American teachers, ten others on the staff, some of them graduates of the Academy. It may be said, in this connection, that the number of graduates last June was eight. A strong faculty and course of study are maintained. Now and again additional subjects are added for the higher classes. Athletic contests and debates between our Academy and the English school at Nicosia are kept up year by year in a spirit of friendly and sportsmanlike rivalry. Our school continues to win its full share of honors, and pronounces the games "clean and fast, and the spirit wonderful."

The Church work was under the direction of Mr. Smith until he left for America in July. Since then it has been carried forward as best it could be. Mr. Weir, licentiate, can do much, preaching every Sabbath morning in Larnaca. Mr. Demetriades preaches in Greek, and an ordained Armenian of the refugees seeking safety in the Island, preaches to the Armenians in Turkish. The Sabbath School has an average attendance of more than 75, and during the winter months of over 100. In Nicosia, too, the Armenians have a minister of their own race; and Mr. Weir preaches there once a month. This extra burden of preaching while Mr. Weir must bear the responsibility as Head Master of the Academy is too heavy and indicates how urgent is the need for an ordained man for Cyprus. It may be remarked that Rev. R. E. Willson was planning, until stricken down, to dispense the spring communions in Cyprus. His untimely death made it necessary for Rev. A. J. McFarland to cross over from Latakia for this work.

In Larnaca there are 32 church members; and in Nicosia, 20.

The medical department, under Dr. Calvin McCarroll, is uniformly successful both as to financial returns and spiritual results. Dr. McCarroll's treatment of 7,500 office patients and 975 outside patients has put the work on a self-sustaining basis. In the clinics, in the office treatments, in the out-calls—daily and in every way—the physician's skill and his remedies open the way for the gospel. And Dr. McCarroll's evangelistic zeal leads him to make the most of these unnumbered opportunities. Throughout the Island there has been, the past year, an unprecedented demand for the Scriptures. A representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Mr. Neve by name, came in September. Our missionaries were appealed to to help lay a plan for his canvas. They secured for him as a helper and interpreter, "a graduate of last year's class in the Academy and a real Christian." During a six weeks' canvass 3,534 Bibles and portions were sold. Priests and students of priests' schools and even non-religious schools bought freely.

It gave much encouragement to the workers here, and revealed a wider, more open door to the heart of Cyprus than has ever been known."

To appreciate the full meaning of these facts, one must recall the blind, fanatical, unyielding prejudice against everything evangelical a few years ago. Now the Bible is being put into the fountains of learning. Let Mr. W. Wilbur Weir's estimate be transcribed from a private letter to this report: "There was never such a sale of Bibles here before. One day I was talking to a Greek who was in a position to observe the work of this mission from the beginning. He told me without my asking his opinion, that the work of Mr. Neve was made possible by the work of our school. He said it had worked this way: Our school had sold Bibles to the priests' school here in Larnaca. Gradually the idea has spread more or less throughout the island that the Bible the school stands for and teaches is in reality the same Bible the Greeks have, but in a language the common people can understand. There are yet districts and villages that Mr. Neve could not get permission to sell in, but let the Church at home know this: **Put a live Christian school in any community and then try to measure its influence—it cannot be done."**

The concluding item in the Cyprus report must deal with the new Girls' School. The Misses Weir and Wilson arrived in Cyprus, October 8th, and on the next day proceeded to Nicosia to help Dr. McCarroll put the final touches on the school building, for the opening October 16th. Two part time teachers, refugees from Smyrna, the Misses Helen and Nina Egyptiadea, sisters, who came with their aged parents and two small nephews to Cyprus, were employed. It was counted a fortunate thing to secure these women to help open the school, for they had been employed in the American University in Smyrna as teachers, one in domestic science and the other in music. A good course of study has been marked out with a large place allotted to Bible study, and with tuition charge intended to cover expenses, other than salaries of American teachers, when the enrollment attains to reasonable proportions. The gratitude of our entire Church is due to the splendid women of the Synodical Organization, who out of their thankofferings make up these salaries over and beyond contributions to the sum allocated to the Foreign Missions in the Synodical Budget.

The fine spirit of the Cyprus group of missionaries is indicated in these the closing words of their report: "We again express our thanks to God from whom all our blessings have come. We thank the Board and the whole Church at home for the support they have given us and the remembrances and help we have received. In looking forward to the work of another year we may say that we need: first, greater consecration and wisdom on our part; second, an ordained minister; third, money for the support; and, lastly, a share in the prayers of the whole Church that God may continue to us His manifold blessings, and permit us to enter the open door set before us, and to see His glorious gospel spread abroad and accepted by the people here."

CHINA.

Of our force in China there have been on furlough, Dr. McBurney, Miss Dean, Miss Smith, Miss Brownlee; and those coming this year are Rev. W. M. Robb and family, Miss Huston and Miss Weeks. Miss Brownlee is resigning and Miss Weeks has been added to our force since last Synod. Mrs. J. C. Mitchel and children were providentially called home but have returned to China. Under appointment to go to China next autumn is Miss Alice Robb, sister of Remo I. Robb, of the Larnaca Academy, and daughter of Dr. A. I. Robb, our senior missionary to China. Miss Robb is a graduate of Geneva; has taught one year, and is now completing her second year in the Biblical Seminary of New York City. Thus, Miss Robb returns to the land of her birth; a land to her almost sacred, since in its yet pagan bosom it enfolds the dust of her sainted mother; and there, also, her father has left the strength of his noble manhood. "Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children."

Of first interest to the Church is the report on the plan for self-support approved a year ago. Last autumn the proposed Council was organized and the new plan of conducting the work put into operation. Difficulties not a few have been encountered, and it has met with a degree of opposition on the part of the Chinese. It was disclosed that they were not overly zealous and enthusiastic about assuming the financial burdens of their own churches and stations. It was, be it said, a severe test of their faith, and especially that of the native workers who had come to count themselves secure and assured of a support from the foreign church. It is not to be wondered at that both workers and members of the church would be reluctant to give up the easy and comfortable nurturing. But by every such token the need for the new order was evidenced. Our missionaries are more than ever convinced of its wisdom. Under the acid test some fine traits of character in the native leaders were revealed. After much earnest prayer and fasting and counseling it was decided that there was but one thing to do—proceed with the development and operation of the plan. The Board counts it a piece of good fortune that missionaries from that field can bring to the court information, both as to the plan itself and as to its workings thus far.

In reviewing the customary features of our work in China, we come first of all, to the **Medical Department.** In all the stations splendid and increased work has been done. Dr. Wright continues his many activities in Canton, in the largest institution of its kind in South China. He there renders a great service to suffering humanity and under auspices distinctively Christian. Religious exercises are held daily. All clinics are opened with worship and Christian instruction. Before every surgical operation prayer is offered to the Great Physician. Three evangelists give their entire time to religious work in the hospital. Mrs. Wright, besides instructing a class in music, conducts a Sabbath School for patients and employees, a Bible class for employees, another for nurses, and a Christian Endeavor Society. From all of which it will be seen that the interns from medi-

cal colleges and the nurses, both of which groups take their training here, the 120 students who attend clinics and lectures, the 2,750 in-patients and the 12,000 out-patients and office patients —all are brought under the influence of the Great and Good Physician. About 100 patients professed conversion in the year.

Dr. Dickson reports more patients and interest than ever before: 186 in-patients, and 4,497 out-patients; an increase of 78 in-patients (with more wealthy people taking private rooms) and 1,500 more out-patients than last year. Treatment for hookworm has been extended to 200, and for leprosy to a like number. The new remedy of chaulmoogra oil is bringing encouraging results. Treatment for opium addicts, too, has been required in an increasing number of cases. Apart from salaries of the missionaries, the hospital has more than paid its way. A new ward for women has become necessary and is under construction; and the Chinese people of the district are proceeding to build with their own money and under their own auspices the leper hospital which Dr. Dickson has been planning for them the years last past. "Thus," says Dr. Dickson, "another opportunity for greater service will soon be at hand." The fifth anniversary of the Lo Ting hospital was celebrated last November, with rejoicing and gratitude to God for what he has wrought. Dr. M. Edna Wallace has been directing the medical work in the Tak Hing district and has fully maintained her past record of skill, efficiency, and executive ability. Dr. Wallace gives no detailed report of her work, contenting herself with modestly and humbly reciting to the Board a list of what she deems her own personal failures and shortcomings. For a record of the medical achievements in that center we shall be obliged to wait until next year.

There were connected with our hospitals seven native assistants: four men and one woman at Lo Ting; one man and one woman at Tak Hing. The true missionary spirit of our doctors is indicated in these words of Dr. Dickson: "Our big business is getting the gospel across to our patients and to all we come in contact with. We feel that a number of lives have been definitely influenced so as to place them in the class of real believers. Many others declared their belief but gave no evidence that they meant what they professed."

Leaving the evangelistic to the last we now take a view of the **Educational Department** remembering at the same time that the educational work is always thoroughly evangelistic in aim and method. In this department we had on the field last year six single women—Misses Stewart, Weeks, Huston, Barr, Adams and McCracken; Mr. and Mrs. Kempf, Mrs. Adams and twenty-four native men and women, 33 in all. At Lo Ting, Miss Stewart gave her entire time to the Redpath Girls' School and religious work in connection with the congregation. After having spent a portion of the year in evangelism in Lo King and surrounding territory, Miss Weeks came to the assistance of Miss Stewart, when by Miss Dean's leaving on furlough and two native teachers resigning, she was left almost lonehanded. Miss

Stewart and Miss Weeks worked well together and proved a strong team. Miss Stewart speaks in terms of high appreciation of Miss Weeks. Let Miss Stewart in her own words introduce to the Church in America this new worker: "Miss Weeks has been a source of strength and inspiration in our joint responsibility for the devotional exercises and general spiritual tone of the school. I rejoice because the mission is permitted to continue in the work for the next six months." More than 100 were enrolled in the school and 8 applied for baptism. Miss Weeks has commended herself to the Board as she had previously done to all our missionaries. She has thrown herself without reserve into the Sabbath exercises: Sabbath School, Senior and Junior Christian Endeavor, and teaching the children Psalms and Scripture portions. As she is due for furlough this year we hope many in our churches will come to know her personally.

In Tak Hing and district, Misses Huston and Barr have had charge of the work among women and girls while Mr. and Mrs. Kempf have continued the boys' school, with Mrs. Kempf lending her help among the women and girls. Miss Barr's first duty was in the Women's School, which has now been merged into the Girls' School; and in the town and outlying districts eight schools (some of them for both boys and girls) were conducted by Miss Huston with assistance from Miss Barr. The latter also did a good deal of itinerant evangelism. All told more than 100 girls were enrolled in Christian schools, under the daily influence of Christian teachers, and getting, along with their lessons, daily Bible study for a period of 264 days.

Rev. J. A. Kempf was again mission treasurer and custodian of the mission buildings in Tak Hing (which required his oversight in a vast amount of repairing) in addition to conducting the Boys' School. This school, which enrolled 104 this year and in February graduated six boys, has now completed 15 years of influence and character moulding in the community of Tak Hing. To 24 of the boys six hours a week were given in Bible study. The attendance on Sabbath School and Sabbath worship was better than heretofore. Five boys were baptized. Miss Huston gave one hour a week in music, and Mrs. Kempf ten hours a week in English and industrial work. Mr. Kempf also found time for two hours a week Bible instruction in the Training School.

At Do Sing Miss McCracken has been the missionary in charge. When Miss Brownlee left last April for furlough, Miss Adams went to live at Do Sing. Yet much of her time has been spent in gospel tours. This left Miss McCracken much of the time alone. A native teacher has helped in the school which has enrolled 25 this year. The aim is for a school supported entirely by the community, and whose tuition will purchase needed supplies and pay the salary of their own teacher. Beside the supervision of this school, Miss McCracken has taught hand work, chiefly crocheting and knitting, held mother's meetings, and all kinds of religious meetings on Sabbaths and week days. She has the assistance of a Bible woman in visiting the people in their homes. To the little girls who have been for several years

in Sabbath School, Jesus has come to seem very real. The attendance has been from 20 to 40. Miss Adams took part in these efforts while in Do Sing.

While the children in these schools sometimes object at first to the Bible, it is testified that they afterward generally come to like the Bible, and especially enjoy the morning worship. Thus again, "a little child shall lead them," and "of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Summing up the educational work in all districts, 381 boys and girls were under Christian instruction. Who will forecast the result in the generations to come?

Coming to the other side of Miss Adams' work we are brought to a consideration of the **Evangelistic Department.** It will be recalled that Miss Barr's work also lay partly in this sphere. Miss Adams has made long trips into the country, accompanied by a native Bible woman, and has thus penetrated five of the six districts of this field. Her work has been of the same character as that of Miss Brownlee and Miss McCracken last year, which we rather fully reported to you. More than seventy villages were visited this year, and more than 100 homes received the message, the audiences in homes ranging from two or three to thirty or more. Miss Adams recited how they lived in the Chinese homes, slept on bed boards, enjoyed the charcoal basket fires and ate Chinese food, "which is very appetizing after a ten or fifteen mile walk." The aim was to search out the homes where one or more were church members, with the hope that whole families might be added to the Lord. Sad are the stories of homes, idolatrous, polygamous, degraded; of child neglect, mortality and even murder. Some of the church members live in their homes for years, with the other members of their family untouched by the gospel. A few homes have the real Christian atmosphere, family worship, the father teaching his wife and children to read the Bible, and the Sabbath being kept as a rest day, the holy of the Lord.

Having already reported Mr. Kempf's work, it now remains to sum up that of Ministers Robb, Adams and Mitchel. Details need not be recited as the duties of the ordained missionaries are now fairly well understood. In conducting the Theological Seminary, Mr. Adams had help of all the others. Miss Huston is the R. A. M. Steele of our China force, and gave the students two periods a week in music. Truly noteworthy is the fact that the teaching of Evidences of Christianity, as well as Chinese literature, could be entrusted to a native Chinese. Lectures on appropriate subjects were given by Dr. Wallace and Miss Huston. The Seminary students spend half the year in school and half in practical evangelism. Mr. Adams helps to direct this latter work, and himself conducted wide tours in all the districts of our China field. He dispensed seven communions, baptized thirteen adults and three infants, and was moderator of Tak Hing session all year. Mr. Mitchel so conducted the industrial department as to put thirty or more pupils on the way to partial self-support in the schools. As supervisor of evangelistic work in Tak Hing and Tung On districts he made many tours.

By such itinerant methods, as by no other, the conditions and needs of the people are discovered, and ways devised for the meeting of their needs. In Tung On district, robber bands, in the aggregate 6,000 or 7,000, have plied their trade practically unhindered, using all their fiendish arts in extracting money from the poor people. From reports of conditions in all quarters it is obvious that until a new political order is established, the gospel cannot have free course and be glorified. Two native evangelists were stationed in the Tung On district. Two adults and one child were baptized. On the other hand, Tak Hing district was free from robber bands, and Mr. Mitchel visited nearly every important community. Tracts were distributed and there were many opportunities for talks and meetings, a work which, while hard, "is truly pleasant," says Mr. Mitchel. An evangelist worked all the year at Ma Hui, and a seminary student, during the part of the year devoted to active service penetrated a region more remote.

Mr. Robb was in charge of the Lo Ting district. From the city he was absent 170 days of the year, 34 of which he spent in the hospital at Hong Kong undergoing an operation for the removal of his appendix. The remainder of the 170 days were spent in touring, attending meetings, organizing the new council, lecturing in the seminary, and conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in the neighboring mission down the river from Tak Hing. Mr. Robb pronounced the evangelistic work in the out-stations disappointing, owing in part to the unsettled conditions of the country and the perfect craze of the people for gambling; but the great obstacles are the hardness of men's hearts and their indifference to higher claims. The great defects of the Christians he finds in the lack of a deep spiritual life and unwillingness to stand forth as witnesses for God. In the evangelistic department of the entire China field our missionaries had the assistance of 21 native workers; 13 men evangelists 5 women evangelists and 3 licentiates. The total number of communions dispensed in all districts of our China field is 19.

In his closing paragraph, Mr. Robb gives voice to a spirit which breathes in every report from the field. These are his fervent and pleading words: "The crowning need of the coming year is Prayer, a great volume of it offered up from believing hearts which bleed in sacrificial devotion, that the Lord of the harvest will thrust out willing workers into his harvest field, and that he will clothe them with power to witness, and with humility to serve, in whatever place or station he directs. The revival for which we have long prayed must come; but it needs 'supplication that has a sob in it' to bring it. 'There never was a bloodless revival.' 'True prayer must bleed before it can bless.' 'Prayer that counts is costly.' We plead for missionary intercessors 'who will take no rest, and give Him no rest, till He establish and till he make the Chinese church a praise in the earth.' "

A great loss was sustained by the Board in the death of William G. Carson, who was called to his eternal reward June 2, 1923. A great and good man has been taken from us. Gladly

and generously he gave of his time and strength to the duties of the Board and for many years acted as Transportation Agent. His like we shall not soon see again.

The term for which McLeod M. Pearce, T. M. Slater, J. W. F. Carlisle, R. A. Blair, and Evan W. Jones were elected has expired. We request Synod to choose them to be their own successors.

As books for mission study and reading we this year suggest the following: For adult and senior societies: "Creative Forces in Japan." For young people: "Japan on the Upward Trail." For intermediates: "Young Japan." For children, 9 to 12 years of age, "The Honorable Japanese Man." For younger children, "Taro, a Little Boy of Japan."

The sum of $85,000 will be required to carry on our work next year, and we have asked the Co-Ordinating Committee to recommend Foreign Missions to the Synod for an appropriation of $55,000. As means to make up the difference between Synod's appropriation and the sum required the Board requests that Synod permit its treasurer for Foreign Missions to receive free will offerings apart from Budget contributions. Walter McCarroll was appointed to represent the Board before the Co-Ordinating Committee. He and the Corresponding Secretary were appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

A Conference on Foreign Missions has been arranged for Friday evening of Synod.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board,

FINDLEY M. WILSON, Corresponding Secretary.

The Committee on Home Missions reported. The report was taken up item by item. Prof. R. J. McIsaac and S. F. Kingston were heard with reference to disposing of the school property at Selma. J. R. W. Stevenson led the Synod in prayer on behalf of W. W. Carithers. Frank L. Stewart spoke on behalf of the Jewish Mission. S. F. Kingston and D. H. Elliott on behalf of the Southern Mission. E. L. McKnight, who was named to represent the Central Board, gave up his time in favor of Geo. S. Coleman, who spoke on the adoption of the report as a whole. The report was amended by adding an item offered by R. A. Blair. It was then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions and Sustentation would respectfully report that two papers came before us for review. namely, the reports of the Central Board of Missions and the Jewish Mission Board, each of which have received our careful consideration.

The reports touch vital spots which show the pulse of life even though here and there the evidence of ailments are manifest. "Vacant Congregations," "Scarcity of Ministers," etc.

The Central Board through years of watchful, sympathetic care has fostered many weak congregations in their declining strength and nurtured many newly born ones through infant and childhood days until they grew strong enough to walk without the Board's support and could take their place among the ranks.

With the same patient interest also has the Central Board stood by to minister to every need of the church's mission among the Freedmen, and later among the Indians; as has the Jewish Mission Board fostered the mission among the Jews. Too much praise cannot be given these Boards for unremitting, freely-given service.

The Covenanter Church as no other Church or institution, has recognized the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the whole human race and every relationship of man. Responding to the crying need of the day for a full gospel she has stressed these claims of Christ upon family, church and state which were neglected or not admitted by other denominations. This she has done in the larger capacity while she has sometimes forgotten her mission to the individual for the salvation of his soul.

Yet in her weakness, Christ has been her strength, and wherever a congregation has been planted a "Banner because of truth" has been set up that has served and serves like a lighthouse upon the Rock to save men and to warn the Great Ship of State from destruction. How much has been accomplished only eternity will reveal. The fact is other churches are coming to recognize the righteous claims of the Redeemer upon the nation as never before.

A few years ago the Synod gave over the Indian school to the public schools. The same sort of a proposition is probably coming to the Board for the City of Selma, Alabama, to take over the schools of our mission there.

Is the Church thereby yielding ground in our struggle for the principle of Christian education?

The problem of supplying vacant congregations has been referred to a special committee.

Reference has been made to the deplorable shortage of pastors and the slowness with which the young men of the Church respond to the call for more laborers. No passing reference may suffice to dispose of a matter so vital. The situation should call for a thorough investigation, profound humiliation and prayer, and a whole-hearted consecration of ourselves and dedication of our children to God and His service.

We commend the consecrated, patient, even sacrificial efforts of the workers in each of these missions, and bespeak for them a fuller sympathy and intercession throughout the Church.

We would in particular note the devoted work of the Misses Forsyth and McFarland in the care and faithfulness with which they keep burning the Light of Life in surroundings where that light is not only rejected but most bitterly hated.

We note with pleasure also the capacity enrollment in the Selma School, the fine response that was given by School and Congregation to the evangelistic services held in their midst, and the plans for stewardship put into operation by the deacons.

The hour of testing is showing the value of the years of sacrificial service through which the Indian Mission had its birth and growth. The deep sympathy of the Indians when their Great Friend and Chief, Dr. Carithers came under the surgeon's knife, their unceasing prayers and simple faith show the genuine fruitage of a generation of unremitting toil and the pouring out of lives.

Mrs. Patton has nobly come into the breach and rallied the forces of the Mission and with the help sent by the Board will "carry on" until the Master restores their chief or sends another.

We recommend:

1. That the matter of the disposition of school property in Selma be referred to the Central Board with power to act.
2. That W. J. Coleman, R. C. Wylie, R. C. Reed, and A. C. Coulter be chosen as their own successors on the Central Board of Missions.
3. That prayer be now offered in behalf of W. W. Carithers that if God wills he may be healed and restored to his flock.
4. That Frank L. Stewart be heard in behalf of the Jewish Mission; S. F. Kingston and D. H. Elliott in behalf of the Southern Mission; J. R. W. Stevenson in behalf of the Indian Mission, and E. L. McKnight in behalf of Domestic Missions.
5. That Mr. Tibby be instructed to forward supplements to regularly installed pastors without the necessity of reporting to him each month.

P. J. McDONALD,
GEO. S. COLEMAN,
R. C. REED,
A. J. SWANK,
T. W. BLAIR.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

With sincere gratitude to God for His goodness during the past, your Board submits its annual report. The year has as usual brought its discouragements, but, as usual also its encouragements.

We have through the year held our regular bi-monthly meetings, which with two or three exceptions have been well attended by the members of the Board. Careful and prayerful consideration has been given to all matters that have come to the attention of the Board.

SUSTENTATION AND EXTENSION.

We have distributed in accordance with your instructions, the appropriations to aid-receiving congregations in so far as these were called for. There are 27 vacant congregations in the church. Quite a number of these have received little or no preaching during the year, largely because there was no one available to preach to them. In some cases more preaching might have been secured had the congregations been more earnest in their efforts in that direction.

Your Board once more calls Synod's attention to the continued scarcity of ministers in our church, deleterious results of which are becoming increasingly noticeable. Certainly there should be "great searchings of heart" because of this deplorable condition, and most earnest and importunate prayer to "the Lord of the harvest that He would thrust forth laborers into His harvest."

The Board has asked the Secretary of the Forward Movement to try to work out a plan by which vacant Congregations may be supplied with a certain amount of preaching by settled pastors. It is the hope of your Board that some plan along this line may be devised, which will help to meet, temporarily, the great need of preaching in our vacant congregations.

We began the year with a balance in this fund of $8,985.88. We received during the year $14,913.44 and expended $17,749.45. We have a balance of $6,149.87 on hand.

We ask for this fund for the ensuing year $7,000.

SOUTHERN MISSION.

The school opened October 3rd and closed May 21st. The teachers were all present at the opening, ready for their work and have all been steadily at their posts of duty throughout the year. The health of all has been good. The work has been carried forward with little or no interruption and with very earnest effort.

The enrollment for the year is 556, an average of 56 for each room. This is the full seating capacity of the school building. Many children who applied for admission, we are sorry to report, had to be turned away. The Superintendent writes: "I have a hard time keeping our numbers down to reasonable limits. Many of these people are like the man who went to his neighbor and said, 'Friend, lend me three loaves.' They won't accept a refusal, or another member of the family comes and opens up the case again."

The daily attendance has been very good. The enrollment in the different rooms is as follows:

Primary A, Miss McGee teacher	45
Primary B, Miss Kingston teacher	52
No. 1, Mrs. Hill teacher	52
No. 2, Miss Martin teacher	59
No. 3, Miss Gordon teacher	62
No. 4, Miss Griffin teacher	59
No. 5, Miss Carter teacher	61
No. 6, Mrs. Skinner teacher	54
Nos. 7 and 8, Mrs. Brooks teacher	59

In the High School the classes are distributed as follows: Mrs. French, 6 classes; Miss Fowler, 1 class; Mr. Bottoms, 2 classes; Mr. McIsaacs, 6 classes. The class graduating from High School this year numbered eleven—two boys and nine girls.

Industrial training has been given to the upper rooms by Miss Fowler and Prof. Bottoms. Instruction in sewing has been

given by the teachers of the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades in their rooms. In the cooking department the preparation of lunches for the school children is one of the important features. During the noon recess these lunches are sold to the children who wish to buy them. By this means the girls get considerable experience and the sales meet the expenses of the department and leave besides a creditable balance.

Prof. Bottoms has conducted the boys' Manual Training department in much the same manner as last year. Repairs about the buildings and grounds have been made by the boys under his supervision. A course of training in the care and use of tools is given in the shop.

The course in religious instruction has been carried on along the same lines as last year. All the pupils thruout the school memorize from six to ten verses of the Bible each week. These together with the catechism they have learned are recited on Thursday and Friday mornings in chapel. In the High School a more comprehensive presentation of Bible history and teaching is attempted thru the use of "Outlines of the Scriptures." In the High School and Grammar School, pupils' prayer meetings are held twice a month during the last period of Friday. The pupils conduct the meetings themselves and take part in a very creditable manner. The Sabbath School enrollment is 170, with an average attendance of 130. Prof. Bottoms is Supt. and Miss McGee, of the Primary Department. Almost all the day school teachers teach in the Sabbath School.

A series of special evangelistic meetings lasting about ten days and conducted by Revs. D. H. Elliott and D. B. Martin, were held early in December. Meetings were held in the school building during the day and in the church at night. These meetings were well attended and much interest manifested. As a result about twenty persons united with our church and a number of others with other churches.

The superintendent writes: "The meetings were a great benefit to our work, both in the church and in the school."

Two of the teachers, Mrs. Daisy Hill and Miss Eliza Martin, formerly members of the Methodist Episcopal church, have recently come into our church.

Prof. McIsaacs writes: "The church, I think, has done better financially this year, and the credit for this is due to the deacons. They have been keeping the people posted in regard to the church finances and so are getting better results." Again he says, "The deacons seem to have some financial push in them." It might be well for all deacons and elders and preachers, too, to note that sentence. The "push" has much to do with the attainment of results everywhere. The money raised by the Selma congregation this year is as follows: For budget, $200; for repairs, $150; for other objects, $700; total, $1,050.

The Home department has carried on its work along three lines, viz.: Home visiting, library work and mothers' meetings.

The superintendent of this department writes: "In the Home department we aim to visit the patrons of our school; also to go into homes where there is sickness or need and

minister not only to the needs of the body but most especially to the needs of the soul, carrying with us the word of God."

Approximately six hundred visits were made and 47 cottage prayer meetings held. The reading and play rooms have been kept open a portion of each day, five days in the week. During the year 1,735 girls and 1,792 boys have visited these rooms and 1,900 books have been given out.

The four divisions of the mothers' organization have held 49 meetings during the year. These meetings are taken up with devotional exercises, business and discussion of some subject connected with the home life. Many of the mothers have expressed themselves as having been greatly helped by these meetings. In some homes the family altar has been erected. The hope is that the Spirit of God will lead others to take the same step.

Mrs. Robb writes that "The mothers have shown a commendable interest in all the work. We feel that the Lord has blessed our efforts."

Prof. McIsaacs sums up the work of the year in these words: "On the whole the year has passed pleasantly and I hope profitably. The workers have been agreeable and have tried to do their part."

The paving of Jeff Davis avenue, on which our mission property fronts, is now completed. It is estimated that the cost will considerably exceed $2,000.

A proposition has been made by the school board of the city of Selma to purchase our Mission school buildings, with a view to using them in the education of the colored people of the city.

In view of the greatly changed educational conditions in the South since our Mission was established there, and in view of the purpose of the city of Selma to take care of the education of the colored people, your Board has deemed this matter worthy of careful attention. We therefore refer it to Synod for consideration and instructions as to what you desire the Board to do in the case.

We began the year with a deficit in this fund of $2,335.51. We have received for this cause during the year $18,760.02. We have expended $14,273.50. We have a balance on hand $2,151.01. This was made possible by a $5,000 share in the Gaily bequest received from Synod's Board of Trustees. We are grateful to God for this special financial provision which has transformed a lingering deficit in this fund into a cheering balance.

We ask for the work in this field during the coming year, $12,000.

INDIAN MISSION.

On September 11th, 1922, Mr. Carithers went to the hospital for a critical operation. For a time after the operation the results seemed satisfactory and he appeared to be recovering nicely. Later a complication of troubles developed that made it necessary for him to leave the Mission about the 1st of April and hasten to the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. C.

Ward in Pittsburgh. Here he has been in a serious condition and under medical care since. According to recent reports he appears to be improving and our earnest hope and prayer to God is that his life may be spared and that if it be His will, Mr. Carithers may even yet be permitted to return to labor further among the people for whose salvation He has given His life. The illness and departure of their great friend and leader has evidently made a deep impression on the minds of the Indians.

After he had gone to the hospital, Mrs. Attocknie said, "My brother, my heart went with you." Yellowfish said, "My heart cried when you went to the hospital." Since he last went away, the Indians have pleaded in each public prayer that God will "bring back our leader" or "Spare the one who taught us the right road," or "Give him strength to come back that we may see his face again." Perhaps God will hear their prayers and let them see his face again. In any case this providence is well ordered and we may expect a rich spiritual fruitage to grow out of it. God knows best how to forward His own work.

While he was able to continue at the Mission, Mr. Carithers superintended the work offering counsel and doing active labor so far as his limited strength would permit. When he was forced to leave, his sister, Mrs. Anna Patton, who had been with Mr. Carithers from the time of the operation, helping about the Mission in every way she could, was appointed by the Board to aid the other workers in carrying on the work. She has accepted this appointment and is rendering splendid service, as are all the workers at the Mission.

At the close of the Seminary, Licentiate Paul D. White went by appointment of the Board to take Mr. Carither's place for the summer months. The Board has also appointed Licentiate Cloyd M. Caskey to succeed Mr. White temporarily, when he returns to the Seminary in the fall.

Notwithstanding the providence that has laid aside the superintendent of the Mission, the work has gone on and is going on with a good degree of success. It seems to your Board that the situation in this field is more hopeful than at the time we made our last annual report. We are very hopeful that the tide is turning again in favor of Jesus Christ and His cause among the Indians.

Mrs. Patton writes, "Our Sabbaths are always the busiest day of the week. The service for the Apache people is held in the forenoon, with usually thirty to forty there. Sometimes we go across Cache creek to hold it, which means a drive of eight miles each way. Miss McMurtry takes all those under fifteen, and I have taught the older Indians all winter. Kate Klinkole has interpreted most of the time. Mr. Carithers gave a short talk after Sabbath School.

The service here at the Mission begins at 2 p. m., first the S. S., Bessie Williams taking the very little ones, Miss McMurtry those older, and I teaching the adult Bible class, with some interpreting. Lately Yellowfish has taught the adult Comanche class, and Mr. White has a class of young people. This

means that someone and an interpreter (usually Bessie) tells Yellowfish the lesson during the week. After the Sabbath school is the preaching with an interpreter. Mr. Carithers gave short talks sitting in his chair, as he was able to stand in the pulpit only a few times."

Often there is a third service on the Sabbath in some home where there is sickness or trouble.

Mrs. Patton gives us a short description of each laborer's work in these words: "Miss McMurtry's work is supposed to be in the kitchen, and she surely does that well. This always means being ready for extra ones at the table, for scarcely a day passes that a number of Indians are not here, and they are always made welcome at the table. Then she has charge of the poultry yard, which means many steps for her. Then she does a great deal of visiting, both to drive the car for others and on her own account.

Clay Williams is our farmer. He takes excellent care of the large dairy, keeps the garden in good shape, cares for the car, the delco plant, the pump and windmill, keeping all in order so that very few repairs have to be paid for. He also leads the singing in all our meetings. In all this work he is helped by his wife, Bessie, who is as hard a worker as we have among us. She is ready at all times to give efficient help, from caring for a baby's eyes to milking, or hoeing in the garden.

I have only been visiting a few weeks, but would average meeting over one hundred Indians a week, besides those I meet on Sabbath. I am planning to have the day of our weekly prayer meeting a day for sewing here at the hospital, and the women seem to be responding willingly. Mrs. Carithers' work in this way is still bearing rich fruit seen in the homes everywhere. The young girls are especially eager to learn many things, such as cooking, nursing, sewing, etc. I try to go to Apache each Saturday afternoon, as the Indians gather there that day, because the Indian Agent's office is open that day. I see many of the Indians I already know, and meet new ones each Saturday and invite all to the next day's services. I think this will be increasingly helpful, as I get to know the work better.

Mr. White has already accomplished much. He is always busy, either outside or in his study. The work he has put thru in the way of directing the amusements of the younger Indians, drawing them to the Mission as a community center, is already bearing fruit. A croquet ground and a tennis court are ready for use. Many changes in fences, etc., are going on thru his direction. Plans for social times are being made. There was an Indian social here last Friday evening, with 65 present. Then his work on the Sabbath shows hard labor and earnest prayer."

The Communion was held at the close of the week of prayer and was a time of great spiritual blessing among both Indians and white people. Rev. J. R. W. Stevenson assisted, and his work was of a high order and well received.

Some came back who had been careless for a time. One

writes, "The outstanding joy to the hearts of the workers, and I believe in the presence of the angels of God, was the coming forward of Apache Frank Francisco, an old man, a drunkard, but one of the most intelligent of all the Indians, and one who has been the subject of prayers for many years. He has been faithful to his vows since, and has been a great comfort here during the trying time when Mr. Carithers went away.

Miss McBurney's visit in January cheered and strengthened us every one, and gave us courage to go forward in the face of difficulties. There are difficulties and discouragements, different in quality, but perhaps not different in quantity from what is met in the work in other fields. Our encouragement here is the willingness and co-operation of all the workers. Each one helps to their limit with any plan that is thought good. Our work here is only limited by our strength. So many things are appealing to us each one, that we have to limit our plans, and leave much undone that seems good to do."

We began the year with a balance in this fund $1,066.27. We have received during the year $4,356.24 and have expended $6,702.48. We closed the year with a deficit of $1,279.97.

We request for use in this field for the coming year, $5,000.

The following persons have been appointed by the Board to address Synod in behalf of the various Missions under our care: E. L. McKnight in behalf of Domestic Missions; Miss Fowler and D. H. Elliott in behalf of the Southern Mission, and J. R. W. Stevenson in behalf of the Indian Mission.

The time for which W. J. Coleman, R. C. Wylie, R. C. Reed and A. C. Coulter were elected to serve on the Board has expired and their successors should be chosen at this meeting of Synod.

REPORT OF THE JEWISH MISSION BOARD FOR 1922-23.

An experienced Hebrew-Christian has said that the purpose of Jewish Missions is two-fold; namely to give the Gospel to the Jews, and to break down the prejudice of Gentiles toward the Jews.

In the work of our Jewish Mission the workers keep in mind these purposes. We realize that Christian people everywhere are coming in contact with Jewish people and if they keep in mind the command, "Love ye therefore the stranger", and have the spirit of compassion of our Master toward them, then wherever Christian meets Jew he can give him the Gospel.

We have had many evidences this past year of the interest of Christian friends in the work of our Mission. We mention especially the help given by Missionary Societies all through the church.

Jewish leaders in our city are active in making plans to counteract the work of missions, and are establishing centers near the different missions, seeking to attract and hold their own people. We are thankful for the friendliness of our neighbors and we have experienced little opposition this past year. We re-

gret the removal from our neighborhood of families in which there were promising children who had been in connection with the Mission for some time. We know there will be little prejudice in their minds against Missions and Christian teaching because of their memory of this place. Here they have learned to read the Bible and to appreciate its teaching, and many now know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

Our building has been renovated and we have used it and shared it with the people of the neighborhood as much as possible. The second floor has given our friends here a picture of a Christian American home.

In all our work, emphasis is laid upon making people familiar with the Bible. The reading and memorizing of Scripture is given first place. We have had the help of Russian Christians in the distribution of Bibles, Gospels and tracts. They were eager and zealous to reach their Jewish friends with Christian teaching. These Russian Christians have used our chapel during the winter for their Saturday evening prayer meeting, and have been an inspiration to the workers and a blessing in the neighborhood.

We have been in touch with a promising group of boys, some of them of working age. They have been attending our Sabbath and week-day meetings. We were interested to have a number of boys and girls attend the evangelistic services at the First Church, Philadelphia, which were conducted by Mr. E. K. Patton, and to have ten sign cards professing their faith in Jesus Christ.

A wonderful opportunity of giving the gospel message has come through the radio. Some of our poorest families "listen in" to sermons and prayers from Christian churches. To the Jewish people who would not think of entering a church, has come the gospel message, giving them the invitation to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior who is their Messiah of prophecy.

Jewish Christian workers speak of our Mission as a "Lighthouse" because the mission exhibits verses of scripture in the windows and ever emphasizes the truth of Him who is the "Light of the World."

We read in Mark 6:30 that the apostles came to Jesus and "told Him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught," but He did not ask them what the results were. So, if we asked where are all those the Mission has taught in past years, we cannot tell, but only say that we are kept busy with those who are here now to be taught. But we know that God's "word will not return unto Him void." So by faith we cast the bread upon the waters for Him.

We make special mention of those who have helped us regularly in the work of the year: Dr. Ralph Duncan, Mrs. F. L. Stewart, Mrs. Jeannette Graham, and Miss Sarah Archer.

Besides the regular work carried on in the building, the missionaries have made 1074 visits to the homes in the community, giving Christian teaching and comfort. The missionaries Miss Annie Forsythe and Miss Emma McFarland need to be

highly commended for their patient and faithful service to the Jewish Mission.

The highest and average attendance at the regular meetings has been:

	Highest	Average
Sabbath School	108	42
Sabbath Evening	74	28
Mother's Meeting	18	10
Tuesday Group	32	22
Wednesday (boys)	30	20
Thursday (sewing)	35	24
Friday Group	30	18
Loyal Temperance Legion	50	20
Boys' Club	14	12

The Board has appointed Rev. Frank L. Stewart to represent it on the floor of Synod, and before the Co-ordinating Committee.

We ask $3200.00 for this year.

Respectfully submitted,
FRANK L. STEWART, Secretary.

Synod took recess until 7:30 p. m., Elder J. T. Finley leading in prayer.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Same place, 7:30 o'clock.

Synod reconvened, was called to order by the Moderator, and led in prayer by Elder R. M. Downie. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Synod engaged in a memorial service for deceased ministers. Paul Coleman read the memorial for J. Ralston Wylie; Samuel Edgar that on the death of R. E. Willson. R. H. Martin, who was to prepare the memorial for I. A. Blackwood, having been called away, T. H. Atcheson spoke with reference to his life and work. W. J. Coleman read the report on the death of S. B. Houston, and J. C. McFeeters that on the death of P. P. Boyd. After many expressions of appreciation of the service of these men the memorials were adopted by a rising vote of Synod, and prayers offered by R. Hargrave and J. B. Gilmore. The memorials follow:

AMES RALSTON WYLIE.

James Ralston Wylie was born near New Concord, Ohio, November 7, 1847. He graduated from Muskingum College in the class of 1872, and immediately accepted a position as teacher of mathematics in Geneva. There he met Miss Sarah E. George

to whom he was married on September 7, 1875. After several years of teaching he entered our Seminary, was licensed in April, 1877, and on November 1, 1879, was ordained and installed pastor of Fairgrove, Michigan. His other pastorates were at Coulterville, Illinois, and at Blanchard, Iowa. He then turned his attention once more to teaching, first in Amity College, College Springs, Iowa, and then in Texas.

Mr. Wylie had unusual skill in imparting knowledge, but his special love was for the work of the ministry. As long as his strength lasted, he sought opportunities for that work. He was strong in his convictions and a fearless advocate of what he believed to be right whether popular or not. Wherever he had preached, he was known for his unusual interest and readiness in the interpretation of the prophecies of Scripture. This special interest grew with his years and was a frequent subject of his conversation with his son in whose home he spent his last months.

This is as it should be. Our interest in the kingdom is not merely private, but public. Inheritors with Abraham of public promises, we must imitate the faith of those who after a life of hope died in faith, not having received the promises, but greeted them from afar and embraced them.

Mr. Wylie died suddenly at Reinbeck, Iowa, on February 10, 1923. To Mrs. Wylie and the children the Synod extends its sincere sympathy. PAUL COLEMAN.

R. E. WILLSON.

Robert Ewing Willson was born July 4, 1879. His home was in the bounds of the Sharon congregation, Iowa.

He received his High School diploma from the Morning Sun schools, 1898. Entered Geneva, 1901, after teaching for a period of time and graduated with the class of 1905, valedictorian of his class. In the same year he entered our own Seminary and finished in 1908. It was in the fall of this year that with his bride, Miss Margaret Kilpatrick, he sailed for the Mission Field in the Levant. Having been appointed to Mersine, here he and Mrs. Willson began their work in association with C. A. Dodds and family.

Mr. Willson was a student of far more than ordinary ability. He had the discerning mind and the happy faculty of expressing his thoughts in a clear, persuasive style. In about two years he began to take his part in the public work of the station and from that time forward was a strong, active force in the work of the field.

He was a power in the pulpit. He had a winning and convincing style and whether in English or Arabic his delight was to present the love of his Saviour to others.

His was no narrow vision limited by the mission walls. He ever looked for new fields in which to labor and serve, and like all others under the Turkish flag, he was ever restless under the restraints of the government. He was at home on furlough when the world war began and served the Southfield congregation for a time. The Foreign Mission Board sent him to Prince-

ton Seminary for a year. Here he took his B. D. degree in 1917 and then with a large contingent of Near East workers returned to Turkey in 1919, and after many delays reached his desired field.

Here in Mersine wreck and desolation were present on every hand and he and Mrs. Willson gave themselves to the hard things of the hour. From these hard things they never retreated. Night and day they lived through the years of 1921 and '22 in the midst of suffering that beggars description. Not even stopping for summer relaxation so necessary in the Near East.

During the early part of '23 when the Greeks were being evacuated by order of the Turks, thousands of these outcast refugees packed the streets and yards of Mersine, and as he ministered in the midst of these outrages he was stricken with typhus, actually becoming a partaker with them in these very sufferings, and from this disease he died. His translation was in the early hours of the Sabbath on February 18, 1923. In the city where he served and sacrificed he was buried on the following day. It was becoming that the captain and Marines of a U. S. naval unit should be in attendance at the funeral and accompany the remains through the principal streets to the cemetery. We say it was fitting, for Robert Willson's service was more than for the church; it was national, aye international, in character; for those he served were Greeks, Armenians and Fellaheen, and to all he brought the love and sympathy of his Lord and Master, and the Greek government awarded him posthumously their war cross.

He leaves behind him Mrs. Willson and three children—Bruce, Helen and Grace; and these are in our midst, and we welcome them home and accept with Mrs. Willson the Divine plan and wait with her that abundant grace as we meet the hours of loneliness and the great responsibilities of the future. Remembering that the Master who first whispered to her as she went to the field, "Lo, I am with you alway," shall ever be true, for her Savior and Lord is "the same yesterday, to-day and forever."

To the bereaved family and circle of friends we tender our warmest sympathy and commit them to the tender care of the Great Comforter.

SAMUEL EDGAR.

IRVIN AIKEN BLACKWOOD.

Irvin Aiken Blackwood, aged fifty-four years, a child of Christian parents, a sinner saved by the grace of God, a member of the Covenanter Church, an ambassador of the gospel of Christ, pastor of the Little Beaver congregation, fell on sleep at his home in New Galilee, Pa., on March 13, 1923, and ascended to his reward.

Mr. Blackwood was a man of keen intelligence, of fine scholarship, of good courage, of broad sympathy, and of earnest spirituality. God had made him a workman that needed not to be ashamed.

In early manhood he was an instructor in Amity College, Iowa; later, pastor of the Fourth New York congregation, then

of the Evans congregation in Colorado. He was a teacher in the High School at Hemet, California. For two or three years he edited the Christian Statesman at Pittsburgh; and afterwards became pastor at New Galilee, in the same state. His labors at different times suffered serious interruptions through illness; but this physical disability, while lessening the amount of his work, no doubt, in the providence of God, enhanced considerably its quality.

His last pastorate was only about six months in length. The interest of his people was deepening. He was planning for broader work in his neighborhood. The work needed him. The community needed him. The church needed him. We needed him. At least it seemed so. But God, in whose book are written all the days ordained for us, suddenly arrested his hand and called him home in the middle of life's afternoon.

In the month of March, when nature was hardly stirring into life, his body was laid away in Highwood cemetery, Pittsburgh, where sleep others well known in our church's past; but for him winter had already given place to summer in that land where the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick, and where the sun shall no more go down; for the Lord shall be our everlasting light, and the days of our mourning shall be ended.

SAMUEL BIGGER HOUSTON.

The Rev. S. B. Houston, son of Alexander and Eliza Houston, was born August 22, 1846, in Guernsey county, Ohio. While he was still young, his parents moved west, settling in Washington, Iowa.

At the age of seventeen he enlisted in the Union army and served a year and a half till the end of the war, being mustered out in New Orleans. He studied in Washington, Iowa, Monmouth College and Iowa State University, graduating in 1872. His parents were members of the Associate Presbyterian (Seceder) Church in Ohio, but joined the United Presbyterian in Iowa. Mr. Houston joined the Seceder church when he began the study of Theology in 1872, under the care of the Rev. S. G McNeel, of Indinana. He was licensed in 1876, and settled the next year in the Cove A. P. Church, where he was pastor for over thirty-two years. His next charge was at Eau Claire, Butler county, Pennsylvania, from 1909 to 1914. In the fall of 1914 he joined the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and the following year became pastor of the Connellsville R. P. Church, which he served until 1918. He then moved to Columbus City, Iowa, where he died Sabbath morning, March 18, 1923. His burial place was the Cove cemetery, McConnellsburg, Pa.

Mr. Houston was married first to Margaret Davidson, of Washington, Iowa, in 1872, and after her death, to Elretta Crawford, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who survives him and is now living in Wilkinsburg, Pa. He leaves also two sons and a daughter, to whom with Mrs. Houston the sympathy of the Synod is sincerely extended.

Mr. Houston represented the Seceder Church for most of

five years on the Committee which prepared a revised metrical version of the Psalms, and was a studious and useful member of that committee. He was a leader in the Seceder Church, an associate editor of its magazine, and had charge of its literature.

Our departed friend was a quiet man, genial and kindly, a thoughtful preacher of the Gospel on the most orthodox lines. He was an honest man with a strong Christian spirit. The missions of the Church, especially one among the Cumberland Highlanders, received his hearty support. His favorite themes were the Psalms and the Sabbath.

Mr. Houston was not long with us, but long enough to be highly esteemed and respected. His sincerity and piety were beyond question. The Rev. H. G. Patterson preached at his funeral in Columbus City from the text, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." W. J. COLEMAN.

PATTERSON PROUDFIT BOYD.

Rev. P. P. Boyd was born near Londonderry, Ohio, August 2, 1842. He graduated from Muskingum College in 1868, and entered the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary that same year, and was licensed by the Ohio Presbytery to preach the gospel, April 12, 1871. He married Miss Laura C. Foster, of Cedarville, Ohio, October 17, 1872.

Mr. Boyd was a man consecrated to the service of Jesus Christ. His ministry continued forty-two years. He remitted his final charge in 1914 on account of failing eyesight.

During the years of his pastorate he diligently stored his mind with the Scriptures. His preaching was rich in apt quotations from God's Word; his flock fed upon rich pastures.

In his home he was a kind and tender husband and father; in the pulpit an earnest and able preacher; in the church courts meek, humble and wise in counsel. He lived in the hearts of his people.

God in his mysterious providence darkened his eye years before his death; yet in God's great love, filled his soul with light and his spirit with patience. When the light had faded he was frequently requested to preach, and gladly occupied the pulpit, preaching with wonted vigor and reading the Scriptures from memory. On November 14, 1922, the Lord called him home, where he opened his eyes upon the bright world of glory, to behold the face of God, and see as he is seen, and enjoy the radiance of heaven. J. C. McFEETERS.

Walter McCarroll reported his service as Synod's representative on the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society.

J. M. Coleman reported as Synod's fraternal delegate to the Church in Ireland.

Paul Coleman reported his attendance as fraternal delegate to the Synod of the Christian Reformed Church.

The consideration of the report on Time and Place of Meeting was taken up. The committee reported invitations from 2nd New York and Walton congregations, and from Winona Lake. It was decided to meet next year at Winona Lake, and June 4, 1924, at 10:00 a. m. was fixed as the time.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended the Christian church of Winona Lake, for the generous use of their building accorded the Synod for its meetings.

The Committee on National Reform reported. The report was taken up item by item. J. S. Martin and J. S. McGaw were heard as to the work and plans of the Association. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL REFORM.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

The Committee on National Reform would respectfully report. There have been referred to us the report of the Covenanter members of the National Reform Association and the report of its treasurer.

We find in these reports much that is encouraging. Three things are of special interest. The first is the great and continued expansion of the work. We recall the occasion fifteen years ago when the present General Superintendent was called to his office. He went to the Association to become its only salaried worker who was devoting his full time to the work. His call to the office was regarded as a venture of faith, for it was not known whether or not sufficient funds could be secured to meet the necessary expenses of the office. It seems a far call from that time to the present, when the budget for the coming year calls for the receiving and expending of $193,591. We believe this expansion is due not only to the faithfulness, skill, and devoted labors of those who serve the movement, but as well to the fact that the great truths for which the Association stands and which it advocates are being very much more widely accepted than ever before. In this we may thank God and take great courage.

The second thing worthy of special note is the wise and effective organization of the Association which is being accomplished. One of the difficulties of every such expanding movement, we recognize, is that of so organizing itself that it can carry on its work without confusion. The division of the work into separate departments. having large liberty in themselves, yet combining under the Executive Committee and the General Superintendent, seems to be a plan under which it may indefinitely expand and be more certainly permanent. This appears to be a wise step in advance.

A third thing worthy of special note is the approaching Consultation Conference to be held in this place during the first week of July. The wide scope of the program, its emphasis of fundamental principles, and its list of notable speakers, give promise of a gathering of unusual power and importance.

We heartily recommend the adoption by the Synod of the four items for which approval is requested in their report.

M. M. PEARCE.
R. W. REDPATH.
J. B. GILMORE.
J. R. FINLEY.
T. J. JOSEPH.

REPORT OF THE COVENANTER MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:

The past year has not been without its trials, its difficulties and problems; nevertheless, under the leadership of our Saviour-King, we are thankful to report it has been a year of progress and triumph.

It is not our purpos to go into detail in reporting the usual lines of work carried on by the Association within the year. All of these have been prosecuted as heretofore—some of them on an enlarged scale and with increasing vigor. For example, the campaigns for placing the Bible in the public schools and in behalf of a national uniform marriage and divorce law have been intensified this past year. The speakers of the Association, God's prophets to the nation, in increasing number have gone throughout the land—North, South, East and West—proclaiming to the citizenship of the nation the kingship of Jesus and the duty of nations and of men in civic relationships to obey His laws. With this message they have reached at least a million people within the year. Literature also, totalling about fifteen and one-half million pages on the various phases of national reform, has gone out to every part of the land. More and more in literature and from the platform the fundamental principles of the Association are being emphasized.

A very successful Christian Citizenship Institute of twelve days' duration was held last summer at Winona Lake, Indiana, and for the first time a National Reform Association representative was heard daily throughout the Bible Conference which followed the Institute.

To such an extent has the work of the Association been growing in recent years that it became increasingly manifest that it could not longer be carried forward under the direct supervision of one person. Accordingly, this past year the work was organized into departments and these departments placed

in charge of committees appointed by the Executive Committee. In this way the General Superintendent was relieved of responsibilities which had become too heavy for any one person to bear. Chief among these departments are the publication department, the Finance department, and the Speakers' Bureau.

The Publication Department consists of seven members of which former United States Senator Frank J. Cannon is chairman. It has charge of the publication of all literature, including The Christian Statesman. At his own request, Dr. James S. Martin, General Superintendent, who had been editor of The Christian Statesman, was relieved of this responsibility. Dr. Richard Cameron Wylie was chosen as editor-in-chief. This magazine is a most valuable asset to the Association. It is meeting a great need in the life of the nation in its discussion of moral issues in the civic sphere upon a distinctively Christian basis, as is evidenced by the letters constantly received at the office from those who read it. Owing to already overcrowded quarters on the fourth floor of the Publication building, occupied by the National Reform Association, and to the necessity for additional room to conduct properly the business connected with the publication of the Statesman, two rooms on the fifth floor of the Publication building have been secured as quarters for the business management of the same.

In view of the exhaustion of the supply of Dr. McAllister's Manual of Christian Civil Government, and the conviction that the times demand wider promulgation of the fundamental principles of the Association, this Committee has been authorized to publish 5,000 copies of the Manual. Of this number, 3,000 are to be put into the hands of the Manager of the Speakers' Bureau for free distribution to ministers and any other persons of influence in connection with the holding of meetings addressed by speakers for the Association.

There has been discussion for some years of the preparation and publication of a book setting forth the conception of civil government held by the National Reform Association, for general circulation and also for use as a text-book on political science in schools and colleges. The manuscript for such a book has been prepared by Dr. Richard Cameron Wylie and its publication by this Committee has been authorized. The book will be put out under the title, "The Moral Theory of the State." Those who know Dr. Wylie's mastery of this subject, and his thoroughness, are justified in their belief that this book will be a valuable addition to the literature of the Association.

The Speakers' Bureau has charge of all speakers for the Association and of the booking and advertising of all meetings addressed by them. It is under the direction of a manager, Dr. B. L. Scott, who reports to the Speakers' Bureau Committee of six members, the General Superintendent chairman, appointed by the Executive Committee of the Association. It was organized for the purpose of enlarging and concentrating the work of the Association on the platform and from the pulpit. It is the expectation that by the greater attention given to the securing and advertising of meetings, the message will be given a wider hear-

ing and the financial returns from the meetings will be increased. According to the budget prepared by the Bureau for 1923, twenty-four persons comprise the staff of the Bureau. They are the national speakers on the fields, the bookers and follow-up men and the three persons in the office—the manager and his two helpers. It is the plan of the committee to concentrate in states where campaigns are needed.

In addition to the general principles of the Association which the speakers are to press at all times, there are two definite objects which the Speakers' Bureau is now pushing. The first is a campaign for the revival of the old-time spirit of reverence for law—not a law enforcement drive, but rather the teaching of the real nature and ultimate source of law to inspire reverence for it as expressing the will of God for the government of men. The second is a campaign in support of the proposed constitutional amendment to give congress the power to enact a uniform marriage and divorce law based on the teaching of Christ.

Another new feature is the adoption of a budget for the year 1923. This budget is as follows:

Speakers' Bureau	$ 97,654.00
Publication Department	46,971.00
Department of Administration	30,966.00
Winona Conference	18,000.00
Total	$193,591.00

Last year on account of the financial stringency the Association was compelled to draw on its reserve funds to the amount of $8,000 to pay its bills. The total income for the year was $149,412.02. The chairman of the Finance Committee reports that for the past five months ending May 1 of this present year, the income has been slightly above the expenditures. This is about $5,000 better than for the corresponding months one year ago.

A special enterprise of great magnitude immediately before the Association is the Consultation Conference to be held at Winona Lake, Indiana, July 1-8, inclusive, 1923. It had been planned to hold the Fourth World Christian Citizenship Conference on this date. For several reasons, chief among which was the unfriendly attitude of many leaders in foreign countries toward America, it was deemed expedient near the beginning of the present year to postpone the World Conference and to hold on the same date and at the same place as arranged to hold the World Conference, a Consultation Conference of national and even international character. The arrangements for this conference at the date of writing this report are almost complete. It promises to be, in the character of the subjects to be discussed, in the standing and ability of the speakers, and in the representative character of its attendance beyond any previous conference held by this Association. Dr. J. S. Martin, General Superintendent of the Association, is chairman of the program committee. The list of speakers include not only many out-

standing religious leaders of America, but also governors of states, senators of the United States, and members of the House and of the Cabinet, a former vice-president of the United States, judges of courts, leading Christian educators and business men of the country and also not a few speakers from other lands. The Conference will place greater emphasis upon the fundamental principles of the Association than preceding conferences have done.

In the list of subjects for set addresses are such as the following:

The Moral Accountability of Nations.
A Divine Call to Forgetful Nations.
Religion in National Life.
Christian Principles in Fundamental Law.
Loyalty to Country and Country's Lord.
Institutional Conversion.
Democracy and Christianity.
Peace Through the Prince of Peace.
The International Christ.

Other features of the Conference of special note are that the mornings of the six week days are to be devoted to prayer and to brief and informal addresses and general discussion of world problems and that out of this prayer and discussion it is proposed there shall be drawn up a statement of world conditions and needs which will not only be scattered broadcast but addressed to heads and other high officials of the various nations.

This Conference has been widely advertised not only by the National Reform Association but also by the Winona management and it is confidently expected a large and representative attendance will be present. Ministers and missionaries are provided with lodging free of charge.

We respectfully request:

(1) That Synod endorse the Call for this Conference, that it appoint delegates to the same, call the attention of the members of the Reformed Presbyterian church to it and urge their attendance so far as possible.

(2) That Synod approve of the engagement in the work of the National Reform Association of James S. Martin, James S. McGaw, J. Renwick Wylie, Arthur A. Samson and Renwick H. Martin.

(3) That the sum of $25,000 be named as a guide to our people in making their offering to this cause the coming year.

(4) That the General Superintendent and General Secretary of the Association be heard in behalf of the Association and its work.

(Signed) R. H. MARTIN,
Chairman of Covenanter Members of Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

December 1st, 1921, to December 1st, 1922.

Balance, December 1, 1921		$ 2,940.68
Receipts		
Sale literature	$ 434.38	
Bequests	1,213.10	
Dividends and interest	2,946.17	
Offerings from congregations	2,261.64	
Individual contributions	2,217.62	
Fourth World's C. C. Conference	3,479.00	
Cash offerings and payments on pledges secured at meetings addressed by Secretar's	93,148.45	
Subscriptions to Christian Statesman through Secretaries	29,240.00	
Subscriptions direct to Christian Statesman	4,535.21	
Christian Statesman special	163.55	
Sundry accounts	1,772.90	
Loan	8,000.00	
		$149,412.02
		$152,352.70
Disbursements		
Office supplies	$ 288.70	
Office rentals	3,780.00	
Administration and office salaries	3,950.00	
Postage	2,617.87	
Literature and printing	13,700.81	
Preparatory work Fourth W. C. C. C.	5,130.20	
Cost of public meetings including salaries and expenses of bookers and speakers	80,593.89	
Christian Statesman	31,080.89	
Sundry Accounts	920.69	
Interest on Loan	76.77	
		$152,139.82
December 1, 1922, balance		$ 212.88

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

Auditor's Certificate.

I hereby certify that I have made a thorough audit of the books and papers of the National Reform Association for the fiscal year ended December 1st, 1922, and as the result of same, I assert that the cash balances at the beginning and end of the term and receipts and disbursements, in aggregate, as shown above, are correct.

H. A. STOUT, Public Auditor.

Synod adjourned till 8:45 a. m., tomorrow, prayer by J. M. Coleman.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Same place, 8:45 o'clock.

Synod met according to adjournment, was called to order by the Moderator, and constituted with prayer by W. J. Coleman. The roll was called. Devotional exercises were conducted by Walter McCarroll. The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

G. S. O. Chen, a Chinese evangelist, was presented to the court and heard a few minutes.

It was resolved to continue the effort to raise the $25,000 for the Aged Ministers fund, with S. R. Boggs as a consultative member of the Board of Control for this purpose.

A proposition to insure the lives of the Seminary students was referred to a special committee to be named by the Committee on Nominations, and to report this afternoon.

At the suggestion of the Elders' Conference, it was resolved to close this Synod with a consecration service.

The report of the Elders' Conference was submitted. Elders David W. Park and J. Ren Lee were heard in favor of its adoption. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF ELDERS' CONFERENCE.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

Fathers and Brethren—In view of the widespread controversy existing in many evangelical churches over certain doctrines of our most holy faith, and the wide publicity that has been given to this controversy in both the secular and religious press, the Elders' Conference of the Reformed Presbyterian church, desiring that our beloved church may give a clear and full testimony for the truth as we have received and accepted it, do make the following recommendations to Synod:

1. That Synod reaffirm the unswerving allegiance of the Reformed Presbyterian church to our subordinate standards as containing a correct statement of the doctrines of the true Christian religion.

2. That in particular Synod declares that complete and unequivocal belief in the doctrines of the Plenary Inspiration of the Scriptures, the Deity of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Virgin Birth and Resurrection of our Lord, and His Vicarious Atonement, as these doctrines are set forth in our subordinate standards, are essential to an honest and sincere acceptance of our Terms of Communion.

3. That Synod express its thankfulness to God that He has raised up so many in our sister denominations to defend these great truths, and that Synod communicate with Hon. William

Jennings Byran and Rev. Dr. Clarence E. McCartney, expressing our sympathy with their efforts to preserve the truth, and at the same time bringing to their attention the claims of Christ for recognition in our national life.

4. That the Witness Committee be instructed to give the widest possible publicity to the position of our Church in regard to these doctrines as part of its testimony in behalf of truth and opposition to error.

5. That Elder D. W. Park be heard in support of these resolutions. C. N. PULLINGER, Chairman.

The following additional recommendations were submitted by the Elders' Conference, and adopted by Synod.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church:

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—It is the profound conviction of the elders attending the Elders' Conference of this Synod that too little recognition has been given to the financial officers of our congregations. We therefore,

1. Request Synod to appoint a committee to devise ways and means whereby the Diaconate can be given a larger share in the administration of the finances of the church.

2. We recommend that the Co-ordinating Committee hereafter consist of one minister, one elder and one deacon from each Presbytery.

The naming of the Committee created by Item 1 was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The following resolution was offered by Paul Coleman, and adopted:

That Synod express its appreciation of the work of the deacons and trustees of our congregations who, in a year of financial difficulties, have labored faithfully to raise the money to support our pastors and the work at home and abroad. That Synod recognizes that where the people's treasure is, there will their hearts be also, and we pray for God's blessing upon those who seek to lead the people to put their heart into the work of Christ through consecration of their means. Every Deacons' Board and every congregation will know who among them deserves praise. May we all, both elders and deacons, grow in grace.

The Committees on Presbyterial Records reported. The records of Central Canada and Colorado Presbyteries were not present. Those of Iowa and Pacific Coast Presbyteries were not ready for review. The reports on the records of Illinois, Kansas, New York, Ohio, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, and Rochester Presbyteries were approved and the proper entries made in the respective record books.

The expense of T. C. McKnight in preparing By-Laws for the College Board was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Evangelistic Committee was read by E. K. Patton, and taken up item by item. The incorporating of the vital statistics gathered by this Committee in the Statistical Tables in the Minutes was referred to the Clerk. The item from the report of the Forward Movement Secretary laid on the table to be considered in connection with the report of the Evangelistic Committee was taken up. The item was adopted, and testimonies from those having had experience in evangelistic services during the past year were heard. The report of the Evangelistic Committee was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

EVANGELISTIC COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, meeting at Winona Lake.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Your permanent Committee on Evangelism would respectfully report that we have held a number of formal and informal meetings during the year, and have transacted the business regularly falling to this committee. With the assistance and cooperation of the secretary of the Forward Movement office, we have urged upon all the congregations of the church the necessity for special efforts to reach the unsaved. We are glad to report that at least twenty-four congregations held a series of special meetings in their various fields of labor, and so far as these have been reported to us, great good has been accomplished both in the bringing of souls to Christ, and the renewing of the faith and love of all the members of those congregations. Your committee offered their assistance in arranging for the preaching of the Word, the leading of the praise service, and where necessary, financial assistance. A number availed themselves of this service. Of the one thousand dollars assigned to us in the last budget, we received to our account about seven hundred and seventy-five, of which we have spent up until April first, two hundred and sixty-two, leaving a balance of five hundred and thirteen dollars. We have asked the co-ordinating committee for enough to bring the fund to one thousand dollars for the coming year. We ought not to leave this part of our report without noting that in a single series of meetings, forty-four publicly accepted Christ, and in another series twenty-six did likewise. We do not wish to over-rate the importance of figures, nor should we wholly discount them.

Let no one get the impression that these congregations where special services were held were the only ones who have made evangelistic efforts. Others have used other methods, perhaps equally good.

Special meetings are only a harvest time; they cannot take the place of all-the-year-round sowing. No better study of successful evangelism can be found than the life of the Apostle Paul. No other mere man has so influenced the world's thinking and living, and instead of that influence fading, it is growing stronger year by year. And yet it was just evangelism; he insisted that he should build only foundations. Social programs and superstructures might come later. Others might build on his foundations; his work was to make Christ known. The pastor who imitates him, must do the work of an evangelist, and give full proof of his ministry.

Consider his evangelistic message. He reasoned of righteousness, temperance and judgment to come. He reasoned of a righteous God who viewed the sons of men to see if there were any that sought God and found none, and now commands men everywhere to repent. Of a righteous law written on the human heart, so that their own conscience says they are without excuse. Of a righteous Saviour who loved and gave himself for me that His righteousness might be imputed to us—a righteousness that is by faith. When Paul reasoned of temperance, one almost wondered if he really had lived in all good conscience, for he seemed to know the vilest possibilities of the human heart. When he reasoned of judgment to come, the hard-boiled sinner trembled and promised himself to hear this man again at the first convenient season. Not reformation, but regeneration was the conclusion he sought. In the desperate siege of Mansoul in Bunyan's Holy War, Satan proposes a reformation to save the city. Bunyan says, "It was his last card." But it was Satan's card. Perhaps we are too ready for an armistice that provides for reformation of the sinner—not unconditional surrender. "If any man be in Christ he is a new creation." Such was Paul's message.

Consider his audience. First he sought for the God-seekers in the Jewish synagogues. Sometimes he went to the market places, where minds were busy bickering in dollars and cents or idly listening for some news, and strove to build up from their very fears and superstitions a conception of a God who made the world, who needs no temples but is nigh to every one of us, a God who shall one day judge quick and dead. The mobs that stoned him and the court that tried him must first listen to his message.

But the audience of one was never despised, for he was a conversational evangelist. It is midnight in Ephesus. The streets have grown quiet except for an occasional crowd of revellers, or the footfall of a belated traveler. A door opens, and Paul bids his host goodnight, and steps out on the street with his little lamp. Turning into a narrow street, he sees another light burning in a little hut, and finds one more opportunity to urge the acceptance of Christ, before his day's work is done. Thus for three whole years he ceased not from the first day that he set foot in Asia, teaching publicly and from house to house, to admonish every one, night and day, with tears

Are there no opportunities for evangelism in your community?

Consider his prayers. "Behold he prayeth" was Ananias' first reassuring word from the Lord that Saul the persecutor had indeed become a new creation—Paul the pray-er. Anticipating work years in the future, Paul was already praying for a prosperous journey thither. He enlisted his converts as intercessors in his evangelism. "Strive together with me in your prayers to God for me." "Praying for us also that God may open a door for the word." "Pray for us that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified." Such are his frequent requests for prayer. Nor did his prayers cease, once the converts had been counted. To the Romans, Ephesians, Collossians, Philippians, Thessalonians, to Timothy and Philemon, he writes that he is praying for them "all," "night and day without ceasing," "always," "mentioning you in every prayer of mine," "laboring fervently." He must have spent more time praying than preaching. Moreover Paul tried to pray his converts past that weak and sickly condition, barely inside the kingdom, saved so as by fire. Listen to this intercessor as he prays for them to be given a "spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him" that they might know "the hope of His calling," "the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints," "the exceeding greatness of His power to us-ward who believe," "the strength of His might;" that their "love might abound more and more," that they might be "filled with all the fulness of God." No extravagance of language is beyond his hopes and prayers for his converts.

But it is in Paul's personal life that we need to copy him most of all as an evangelist. No one attributed results to the Spirit of God more than he, yet none appreciated the importance of psychological approach. "To the Jew I became a Jew that I might gain Jews. . . . I am become all things to all men that I might by all means save some. This was Paul's "flexible inflexibility." For he never yielded principle. On the question of the ceremonial law, he gave place in the way of subjection, no not for an hour. Neither did he change his message to entice the Greeks with wisdom or the Jew with signs, but determined to know nothing but Christ and Him crucified, though it should prove foolishness to the one and a stumbling block to the other. He yielded nothing of his character by stooping to sin to have favor with the sinful. What then did he yield? Everything that was non-essential or merely a matter of personal comfort. "If meat make my brother to offend I will eat no meat while the world standeth." Why should any one for a mere morsel of meat destroy that brother for whom Christ had laid down His infinitely precious life. Paul's evangelism was not simply a matter of preaching or praying, or personal persuasion, but of his whole existence—whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

It is with sincere regret that we report that J. D. Edgar has been unable to serve in recent months, and asks to be relieved from further service on the committee, and a new chairman for the committee should be named in his place. J. M.

Wylie has removed from the bounds of Kansas Presbytery, and a successor should be chosen.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That every pastor aim to do the work of an evangelist, constantly seeking the unsaved in his sermons, in his intercessions, and in his conversations, and that he commend the gospel of Christ by a life that is not only above reproach but eminently full of grace.

2. That so far as possible every congregation shall have special harvest times, either through evangelistic services or some other method of gathering the fruits of the year.

3. Two years ago, this committee was instructed to recommend a new form for collecting the vital statistics of the church. We are submitting such a form with our report.

(Signed) D. R. TAGGART.

REPORT ON VITAL STATISTICS.

Of the_____Congregation
(Congregation's name if different from town)
Town _____ State _____
For the Synodical Year ending March 30, 19_____
Send by_____, 19____, to_____,
Clerk of_____ Presbytery.
Commnicants last year - - - - _____

DECREASE

To Covenanter Congregations	_____
To other denominations	_____
By purging roll—	
Suspended	_____
Withdrawal without cert.	____
No trace	_____
Deaths	_____
Total decrease - - -	_____

INCREASE

On profession by Covenanter children	_____
On profession by others	_____
From Covenanter congregations	_____
From other denominations	_____
Restored	_____
Total increas	_____

MEMBERS

Communicants this year - - -	_____
Baptised roll, not yet in full communion -	_____
Infant baptisms - - - - -	_____
Sabbath School enrollment - -	_____
Y. P. S. membership - - - -	_____

Tithers - - - - - - - _____
Members non-resident 10 months or more _____
Parsonage - - - - - - - _____
Bible Society - - - - - _____
National Reform - - - - _____
Salary paid by congregation - - _____
Budget - - - - - - _____
Miscellaneous - - - - - _____
Total - - - - - - _____

Signed _____

Pastor or Correspondent _____
(Cross out one)

Address _____

What Evangelistic efforts have been made during the year?

What results?_____

This blank to be forwarded by clerk of Presbytery to the Chairman of the Evangelistic Committee after being transcribed into the report of Presbytery to the Stated Clerk.

On recommendation of the special committee of the Mission Conference, the item of the report of the Forward Movement Secretary referred to it was adopted. The report of the Forward Movement Secretary was then adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

FORWARD MOVEMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT.

1922-1923.

Each year brings some new encouragements in our work though causes for discouragement do not entirely disappear. We have had a busy but pleasant year owing to the cordial support throughout the Church.

Office.

We have mailed from the office about 2,000 letters. Ten different publications were issued and distributed throughout the Church. Seven other kinds of literature, published outside the Church, were sent to representatives of all the congregations. Miss Mary McFarland continues to render efficient service in the office.

Program.

The following program was submitted to the Church, featuring these vital subjects:

August—Life enlistment; especially in connection with Young People's Conferences.
September—Christian Education.
October and November—Bible Evangelism.
December and January—Prayer Cultivation.
February—Christian Forgiveness.

March—Christian Stewardship.
April—Bible Nourishment.
May—Family Reviving.
June—Sabbath Keeping.

A poster displaying this program was sent to every congregation. By correspondence, literature and through the pages of the Christian Nation these subjects were brought to the attention of the Church.

Congregations.

We reached in person eighteen congregations, conducted four series of evangelistic meetings, addressed one hundred and twenty-two different audiences. We spoke on an average of twice each week and eighteen times besides. We reached six congregations that had no pastor, spending a number of Sabbaths with two of these. Some of our pastorless congregations have given up hope of securing another pastor while others are holding their own and earnestly desirous of securing a leader.

Christian Nation.

The pages of the Christian Nation have been freely at our disposal all year. We apportioned among the various departments the amount of advertising space each would be entitled to use. We supplied the material for thirty-five pages of the paper in connection with the year's work.

Prayer Meeting Topics.

The Prayer Meeting Topics for 1923 were prepared and published by the Forward Movement Office. Instead of printing a folder every six months as heretofore, one was prepared covering the year This was done at a saving to the Church of about $50 in printing and mailing. Sixty-two congregations are now using these folders, an increase of twelve over former years. We have arranged with twelve capable women to furnish the prayer meeting comment for the Christian Nation throughout the year. We need less of the formal and more of the spiritual and experimental in our prayer meetings.

Out of Bounds.

We have 343 names on our list of those living outside the bounds of the Church. We sent letters to all of these and forwarded to them the literature that was prepared from time to time. Our Out of Bounds file is still incomplete owing to the failure of some pastors to forward their list.

Young People's Work.

The month of August was largely given over to Young People's Conferences and Conventions. We co-operated with officers in the various Presbyterials in arranging dates and planning for programs and speakers. We spoke a number of times at the Ohio Convention and at the White Lake and Rose Point Conferences. The more extended Conference is gaining in favor. The Rose Point Camp has become an established institution of increasing value. The Tri-Presbyterial had a splendid beginning last year. Ohio will try out a similar plan this year.

The Young People's gatherings were never so popular and well attended as now. Plans are maturing for a good series of Conferences next August. Kansas and Iowa will meet in joint session at Blanchard, Iowa.

The Young People's Topic Cards for the year were prepared and distributed by the Forward Movement Office. The regular Christian Endeavor Topics were used, with the substitution of about ten topics especially adapted to our own Church. Besides the topics we printed a list of officers, committees and leaders for each society who desired them. Forty-four societies secured their Topic Cards from the Forward Movement Office. The printing was done at a substantial saving to the local societies.

The problem of securing Christian leaders remains unsolved. Each year brings a new array of hopes for the ministry. But when the opening of the Seminary comes around those we had hoped would enter have taken up teaching or some other work for one year. The next year they are solicited with the promise of a larger salary. By the third year all aspirations to the ministry have vanished away. Others frankly tell us that conditions at the College and the Seminary have inclined their minds the other way. The need for workers is a situation which calls for heart searching and prayer.

Stewardship.

Immediately after the last Synod the Budget was assigned by the various Presbyteries to their congregations. A four-page leaflet was prepared and distributed among all of our congregations giving the facts concerning our financial plans for the year. Posters were prepared for each congregation, giving Synod's Budget, the Presbytery's apportionment and the congregation's share. We prepared a bi-monthly table showing the contributions of each Presbytery and congregation to the Synodical Budget. Toward the close of the year this table was compiled each month. This information was gathered from the reports of the different treasurers sent to our office.

Repeatedly letters went out to the various congregations emphasizing the financial needs of the Church. The matter was also kept before the people through the Christian Nation. Only about seventy-five per cent of our Budget was raised. Forty-two congregations met their apportionment in full. Of the others a few in the farming districts had nothing to give. A few preferred to give their money to other causes. Some who were able, through a lack of leadership or of interest seemed not to try. Others failed because instead of contributing all through the year, they left it to the last and then found the load too heavy to pull.

If we could count the cash contributed to the College, more was paid to the departments of the Church than was given last year.

For all purposes the Church gave an average of $48.37 per member this year over against $45.75 last year.

Reference might here be made to a Deacons' Conference held in the Colorado Presbytery last fall.

Evangelism.

This has been by far our greatest year in Evangelistic endeavor. In co-operation with the Evangelistic committee the matter was brought to the attention of every congregation and pastor in the Church. Many congregations desired to hold special meetings and many pastors expressed their willingness to assist.

Twenty-four congregations have reported meetings of from one to two weeks' duration. Robt. A. M. Steele led the singing in three campaigns, and D. B. Martin in two. Your secretary helped with meetings at Selma, Bellefontaine. Chicago and Beulah, covering a period of nearly six weeks. He had the splendid help of Mr Martin at Selma and Chicago and of Mr. Steele at Bellefontaine. At Selma we conducted nine services in the school chapel with a daily attendance of about five hundred, and fourteen services in the church with an average attendance of one hundred and eleven. There were striking evidences of God's blessing in this work. Such services should be held here every year for gathering the harvest.

At Bellefontaine, in addition to the evening meetings, we sang and spoke in the shops and factories at the noontime.

The meetings at Beulah were very fruitful. E. G. Russell, the pastor, directed the work and led the singing. We know of no greater fields for evangelistic endeavor than Selma and Beulah.

Other workers reported wonderful times of reviving. There were reconciliations among brethren, reconsecration of Church members and the conversion of many to Christ.

It is interesting here to note that of sixty-four congregations who returned their information blanks to the Forward Movement Office, eighty-six came into the Church by profession from outside of Covenanter families. Is not this new spirit of Evangelism a bright star of hope for the Covenanter Church?

Church in Ireland.

A closer association has been formed with our covenant brethren across the Atlantic. Through the work of J. M. Coleman a Forward Movement has been launched in Ireland. The Church there has now sixteen Young People's Societies and a Y. P. Convention was held in April. A quantity of Y. P. Topic Cards and Prayer meeting Folders was sent them at their request.

Pre-Synodic Conference.

A Conference for Bible Study and Prayer was held as last year for one week preceding the meeting of Synod. A program was drafted and carried out covering a period of seven days. About forty persons attended the Conference. We think all of our leaders need this period of quiet retreat where we can together wait on God and listen to what He has to say. We received showers of blessing at this Conference.

Expenses.

The expenses of the office and of travel from May 1st to May 1st were $955.80
The receipts were 995.21

Leaving a balance of ..... $ 39.41

We therefore paid all of our own expenses and turned into the treasury $39.41 besides.

We received and forwarded to the Foreign Mission treasury, for the French Carithers Memorial Fund, $209.79.

Outstanding Needs.

One great need is greater publicity given to the work of our various departments. How much do our people really know about the activities at our Southern or Indian or Jewish Missions? What do they know about the needs of the Domestic Mission? Should there not be a constant flow of information to the Church on the encouragements and possibilities of our fields? If we expect the people to give to the Budget we must keep them interested in the things that the Budget includes. People give best to things they are interested in most.

Another great need is a united cause at the fountain head of our higher education. Our young people go to Geneva College to prepare for life work. Many of them discover here for the first time dividing lines within the Church. This atmosphere undermines faith and is injurious to the spiritual life. Is not this situation at this strategic point serious enough and far-reaching enough to warrant Synod in taking measures toward uniting our cause on College Hill? One of the pastors there expressed to us this hope and his readiness to withdraw if such a hope can be realized.

Another matter of importance is the uniting of small congregations or establishing joint pastorates where the location makes it possible. This matter was passed upon in 1920, asking Presbyteries to act. Superior and Beulah, in Nebraska, are successfully operating under a joint pastorate. New Concord and Jonathan's Creek, in Ohio, are ready to share the same pastor. Northwood, Belle Center and Bellefontaine are located together within a radius of fifteen miles. Two of these drew support last year from the Board to the extent of $1,425.00. The lines here could be readjusted so as to have two self-supporting congregations and release one pastor for another field.

One of the pastors in another section writes: "The situation here would be much better if all were united in one congregation. * * * Here are the three little struggling congregations. * * * If they were all united the resulting congregation would not be large. * * * We would like to see this union brought about just as soon as possible. While we would regret very much to leave * * * yet we would be glad to do it if a better state of affairs could be brought about among the people here."

There may be other fields where combinations could be made

so as to conserve the Lord's money and provide a worker for some other field.

A college graduate whom we had expected to enter the ministry wrote: "When the R. P. Church has so many ministers that she can put two or three in the same town, each over a congregation, * * * I don't feel that she needs many more, neither does that outlook for a life work appeal to me."

The greatest of all our needs and perhaps the remedy for all the rest is clearing out the rubbish and deepening the channels of our spiritual life. We have need of confession of sin. We need to learn better how to keep the two greatest commandments—love to God and love to one another. We need to have our prayer interest quickened and learn better how to draw daily nourishment from the Word of God.

The Church in many sections has grown along these lines. Aside from the difficulties that have centered about the College we count this the best year of our Forward Movement Work.

A very sore chastisement is felt in that nine of our ministers are laid aside from their work on account of affliction. What is God seeking to teach us through these striking providences?

In closing, we must not ground our hope on the **righteousness of our cause.** Many a righteous cause has gone down to defeat. Every principle which we hold may be sound. Our doctrines and worship may be according to the Word of God. But this does not, in itself, insure victory to the Church. The **absence of love** and the **presence of sin** may bring defeat to a cause that is outwardly good. We must ground our hope neither on the righteousness of our cause nor on the righteousness of ourselves. But our one great hope is in following with loving obedience the leadership of Jesus Christ, the Captain of Jehovah's hosts.

We recommend:

1. That we here record our gratitude to God for the encouragements of the past year and pray for a deeper spirit of love and consecration throughout the Church.

2. That Synod now engage in a season of prayer, interceding for our disabled ministers and praying that new laborers may be thrust out into the harvest.

3. That this Synod, through its Moderator and Clerk, send a letter of greetings to the various Young People's Conferences meeting this summer, and also to the Young People's Societies in Ireland.

4. That a committee of five be appointed to consider the advisability of uniting congregations that are near together, and report to this Synod, suggesting a plan of action where the matter seems feasible.

5. That the growing spirit of evangelism be encouraged and that ten minutes be given for testimonies from congregations where meetings have been held.

In response to a request from the Central Board of Missions that we "devise a plan whereby pastors of congregations can give preaching to vacant congregations within their vicinity" we would report that twenty-three congregations are without

pastors. Twelve of this number are so small that there is little hope of securing another pastor. Central Canada and Ohio Presbyteries are the most seriously impaired. Central Canada, with four congregations—separated by long distances—has but one pastor. Ohio, with eleven congregations, has but five. Of the others, Rochester has one vacancy, Pittsburgh five (counting Bear Run and Mahoning as one), Pacific Coast two, New York two. Kansas two, and Iowa one.

With our limited number of supplies there seems but one way to provide these congregations with preaching and that is for congregations that have pastors to share them with those that have none.

To meet this emergency, we recommend:

1. That each Presbytery instruct the chairman of its Committee on Supplies to arrange and execute a schedule by which each vacant congregation shall have preaching at least twelve Sabbaths during the year, and that congregations be asked to loan their pastors when necessary to carry out this plan.

2. That Synod's Committee on Supplies give special preference to Ohio and Central Canada in assigning the supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

DELBER H. ELLIOTT,

Secretary of the Forward Movement.

Item 2 of the report of the Co-ordinating Committee was taken from the table and adopted. The report was adopted as a whole and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

The Co-ordinating Committee would respectfully report:

The Committee met at the call of the General Secretary of the Forward Movement at Winona Lake, on Tuesday, June 5, 1923, at 10 a. m. The members of the Co-ordinating Committee according to action of Synod answering to the roll call are:

Central Canada—F. E. Allen.
Colorado—J. B. Gilmore, James Carson.
Illinois—G. M. Robb, Robert Luney.
Iowa—D. B. Martin, Oliver Willson.
Kansas—Samuel Edgar, J. Ren Lee.
N. B. & N. S.—Thomas McFall.
New York—J. H. Pritchard, A. J. Harding.
Ohio—H. G. Foster, J. M. Henning.
Pacific Coast—G. N. Greer.
Philadelphia—F. M. Wilson, James R. Bell.
Pittsburgh—F. F. Reade, George McKee.
Rochester—J. M. Rutherford.

The following departments were represented by the persons named:

Church Erection—Walter McCarroll.
Foreign Mission—Walter McCarroll.
Witness Committee—W. J. Coleman.

Theological Seminary—W. J. Coleman.
Central Board—J. S. Tibby.
Board of Trustees—J. S. Tibby.
Evangelistic Committee—D. R. Taggart.
Geneva College—J. C. Slater.
Board of Control—H. G. Patterson.
Jewish Mission—F. L. Stewart.
Women's Association—Mrs. Agnes Steele.
Temperance Committee was not represented.

We recommend.

1. The Synod adopt a budget for the coming year of $115,000.

That the budget be apportioned to the schemes of the Church as follows:

Church Erection	$ 3,100.00
Foreign Mission	52,000.00
Southern Mission	10,000.00
Sustentation	7,000.00
Indian Mission	4,500.00
Witness Committee	7,000.00
Geneva College	20.000.00
Seminary	1,500.00
Students' Aid	1,000.00
Ministerial Relief	3,000.00
Widows and Orphans	400.00
Jewish Mission	3,000.00
Evangelistic Committee	500.00
Aged People's Home	2,000.00
	$115,000.00

3. That the apportionment to the Presbyteries be as follows:

Central Canada	$ 650.00
Colorado	4,400.00
Illinois	6,400.00
Iowa	8,700.00
Kansas	22,850.00
New York	14,200.00
Ohio	5,900.00
Philadelphia	9,500.00
Pittsburgh	33,500.00
Rochester	3,400.00
Pacific Coast	5,500.00
	$115,000.00

4. That Synod instruct the Board of Control not to allow any student of Theology to draw more than $400 per year from the Students' Aid Fund.

5. That Synod commend those congregations that customarily make up to their delegates the deficits in their traveling expenses as an example for all other congregations to follow.

6. That pastors be urged to keep the subject of Christian Stewardship constantly before their people, and that congregations be urged to make earnest endeavor to raise the full amount of the budget.

(Signed) D. H. ELLIOTT, Chairman.
D. R. TAGGART, Clerk

Synod took recess until 1:30 p. m., prayer by J. M. Johnston.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13, 1923

Same place, 1:30 p. m.

Synod reconvened, was called to order by the Moderator, and was led in prayer by J. B. Tweed. The calling of the roll was dispensed with. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report on Unfinished Business was taken from the table. Consideration of Item 22 was postponed until next year. The report on Unfinished Business was adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1 Witness Committee to answer letter of J. L. Neve. p. 7.
2. Printing and sale of 1922 Minutes. J. S. Tibby.
3. Committee on Sabbath Schools to report on conformity of schools to Standard of Efficiency. p. 14. T. C. McKnight.
4. Committee on Digest of Deliverances of Synod. p. 14. R. C. Wylie.
5. Combining of New York and N. B. and N. S. Presbyteries. p. 15.
6 Bringing history of ministry to date. p. 16. O. F. Thompson.
7. Constitution and By-Laws of Historical Society. p. 16.
8. Synod's Board of Trustees to provide a room for the Historical Society. p. 17.
9. Revision of Historical Part of Testimony. p. 17. J. M. Coleman.
10. Plan for a Book of Selections from the Psalter. p. 31. D. B. Martin.
11. Clerk of Mission Conference to write certain letters. p. 33. J. B. Willson.
12. Proposed Terms of Communion. p. 46, 146.
13. Changes in Chapters 29 and 30 of Testimony. p. 46. R. J. G. McKnight.
14. Foreign Board to grant assistance to the Cor. Sec. p. 59.
15. Transfer of Suadea Mission to Synods in Scotland and Ireland. p. 59. Foreign Board.

16. Constitution of the Theological Seminary. p. 80.
17. Synod's Board of Trustees to sell old Seminary Building and purchase another. p. 80.
18. Endowment campaign for Geneva College. p. 81. College Board of Trustees.
19. Transfer of Title of College Funds. p. 81. Synod's Board of Trustees.
20. Committee on Ex-Soldiers' Colony. p. 101. J. S. Thompson.
21. Delegates to Pan-Presbyterian Council to seek exclusive use of Psalms without instrument at next meeting of Council. p. 104. R. C. Wylie.
22. Rotary plan of electing Elders and Deacons. p. 104.
23. Sending letter to members out of bounds. p. 108. Forward Movement Secretary.
24. Foreign Board to adjust war-losses of missionaries. p. 109.
25. Bills payable by Synod's Treasurer, J. S. Tibby.
    1. Deficit from printing and sale of 1921 Minutes.
    2. $2.50 for printing attendance record blanks.
    3. $2.75 for printing Proposed Terms of Communion.
    4. $4.50 for sending letters to congregations.
    5. $17.75 collecting information concerning ministers.
    6. $16.45 Traveling Fund to be returned to Pittsburg Presbytery.
26. To arrange Conference on Sabbath for next Synod. p. 139. J. D. Edgar.
27. Including Traveling Fund in Budget. p. 139. Co-ordinating Committee.
28. Evangelistic work by professors and students of Seminary. p. 139.
29. To write letters of sympathy. Item 8, p. 144.
30. Committee on arrangements for Synod. p. 145. J. C. Slater.

The special committee on uniting neighboring congregations reported. The report was taken up item by item, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

UNITING CONGREGATIONS.

Your Committee on the Uniting of Congregations would respectfully report that we deem such a move desirable in certain localities.

1. Belle Center, Bellefontaine and Northwood congregations are located within a radius of fifteen miles. The first two are voted $1525 aid from the Home Mission fund for the coming year. We believe it possible to readjust the situation so as to make two self-supporting congregations, or unite two of them under a joint pastorate. The pastor of Belle Center congregation urges this and states his readiness to withdraw if such a plan can be completed. We recommend that J. M. Wylie and O. F. Thompson and Elder S. R. Davis visit these congregations and

use their best judgment as to what should be done, and that Synod authorize these men to constitute as a Commission if there is need for such action.

2. It is our judgment that 1st and 2nd Boston and Cambridge should unite in one congregation. The combined membership of these three organizations is 173 members. Two of them have no church building. Two of the three pastors say they will not stand in the way of such a move, and one of them urges that it be done. We recommend that T. M. Slater and Elder R. J. Bole be appointed to visit this field, ascertain the exact conditions, and report to next Synod what ought to be done.

3. Washington and Rehoboth, Iowa, congregations are located fifteen miles apart. Washington is drawing $1040 from the Home Mission Board. One pastor might serve the two. We recommend that Iowa Presbytery consider this matter at its next meeting.

4. Walton and Bovina are thirty miles apart with a hard surfaced road nearly all the way between. It would be possible for the pastor at Walton to serve both congregations. While Bovina is without a pastor we would recommend that New York Presbytery take up this matter with that congregation.

5. Slippery Rock is but nine miles from New Castle. Unless they can secure a pastor we would recommend that Pittsburgh Presbytery consider the possibility of the pastor at New Castle supplying Slippery Rock part time.

6. It is our judgment that a divided cause on College Hill has done great damage to the cause of Christ. The interests of Geneva College call either for a united student church or for a new location for the College. Both congregations realize the seriousness of this situation. Both pastors have expressed their willingness to withdraw if such a union can be effected. We recommend that M. M. Pearce, T. M. Slater, D. H. Elliott and J. Weir Stewart be appointed to visit College Hill and investigate the entire situation, interviewing and praying with ministers, officers and members. That these men be authorized to constitute themselves into a Commission to consummate this work if conditions are favorable.

7. That the expenses in connection with these items be paid out of the Home Mission Fund.

D. H ELLIOTT.
T. M. SLATER,
P. J. McDONALD.
T. J. JOSEPH.
J. REN LEE.

The special committee on changing the wording of the Terms of Communion reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee appointed to consider the advisability of changing the wording of our present Terms of Communion would respectfully report:

It is the opinion of your committee that, while there are some changes in the wording of our present Terms of Communion that would be desirable, the advantage to be gained by such a change does not seem sufficient to warrant the raising of the question throughout the church at the present time.

Signed by all the members of the committee.

O. F. THOMPSON.
J. K. ROBB.
A. A. WYLIE
SAMUEL STERRETT.
J. M. HENNING.

The consideration of the Proposed new Terms of Communion was laid over until next year.

The special committee of the Domestic Mission Conference on supplying vacant congregations reported. The report was considered item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE DOMESTIC MISSION CONFERENCE.

We recommend—

1. That Synod adopt a policy of making definite provision by some kind of Stated Supply for a minimum amount of preaching in every vacant congregation.
2. That the Central Board be authorized to employ one man or, if they see best, two men to be stated supply to certain vacant congregations on a salary of $2000 and traveling expenses, to be paid by the congregations and the Central Board.
3. That Synod make an appeal for at least five women to give their entire time to Sabbath school home missionary work in vacant congregations, their salary to be determined by the Central Board and provided from the funds appropriated to congregations by Synod. That in case the Central Board decides that such workers have not had sufficient experience or training, the necessary training be required and be outlined by the Central Board.
4. That a further campaign be conducted to persuade members who find it necessary to move, to move only into the bounds of established congregations, since every kind of condition seems now supplied in some existing congregation.
5. That Presbyteries see that all non-resident members of congregations with their addresses be reported to the Home Mission Secretary, a report in turn to be made by him to each Presbytery on the location of such members near them.

The Committee on Insurance of Seminary students reported. The report was taken up item by item, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE ON SEMINARY STUDENTS.

The committee appointed to consider the proposition of caring for the aged ministers of the future would respectfully report:

1. We approve of the plan to insure Seminary students of our church with the Reformed Presbyterian Church as the beneficiary, with the understanding that the funds are to be provided by private parties the first year.

2. That S. R. Boggs and J. S. Tibby be appointed a committee to arrange the final details and put the plan in operation.

D. B. MARTIN.
JAMES S. TIBBY.
SAMUEL R. BOGGS.
JOHN COLEMAN.
DAVID W. PARKS.

The Committee on the Reformed Presbyterian Historical Society reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

COMMITTEE ON HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

Your special committee to which were referred the 1923 report of the Directors of the Historical Society and the Constitution and By-Laws as printed in the 1922 Minutes of Synod reports that the committee has read these papers and recommends the adoption of the recommendations in the Directors' report with the following amendment of the first on adopting the Constitution and By-Laws as printed in the 1922 Minutes:

To correct a misprint insert the word "the" in the Constitution at Article II, beginning of line 2.

Make Article II, Section 1 begin: "The first purpose of the Society shall be" and remove these words from the end of the section.

Number the paragraphs in Articles III and IV, beginning with the first paragraph in each case instead of the second.

In the By-Laws, Article I, Section 3, change the sentence "All payments of the funds of the Society must be authorized" to read "He shall make payments of the funds of the Society only when authorized" the remainder of the sentence remaining the same.

These changes have been worked out in consultation with the chairman of the original committee and are approved by him.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. S. COLEMAN.

REPORT OF DIRECTORS OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Board of Directors of the Reformed Presbyterian Historical Society appointed at the last meeting of Synod would respectfully report:

The Board was called together in the East End church, Pittsburg, Pa., on April 24, 1923, and the following officers were elected: J. B. Willson, President, and James S. Tibby, Secretary and Treasurer. The delay in the organization of the Board was due partly to the fact that no one was appointed to take the leadership in calling the Board together, and partly to the fact that the room or rooms to be provided in the new Seminary building were not provided. Consequently nothing has been done as yet to gather together materials for the Society.

In connection with the Constitution and By-Laws which come before Synod for adoption at this meeting, we present the following recommendations which were presented with the report of the committee at last Synod, but which were dropped out of the report, because of the lateness of the hour at which it was received.

1. That the Constitution and By-Laws be adopted.
2. That to avoid delay in the formation of the Society, Synod appoint twelve officers for the present year, and authorize them to proceed at once with the organization and work of the Society, in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws adopted.
3. That the Society be incorporated under the Laws of the State of Pennsylvania, and that the Board of Directors chosen at this meeting of Synod be instructed to take the measures required; and to name themselves, together with other members of our Church, who shall authorize the use of their names, in the charter to be secured.
4. That, if it be found impossible for the present to carry out Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution, providing for a room or rooms in connection with the Theological Seminary, the Board of Directors be authorized to secure, if possible, some other place suitable for the storing of the materials gathered, until a permanent place shall be established in accordance with the said provision of the Constitution.
5. That an appropriation of $100 from the Literary Fund be placed at the disposal of the Board of Directors for the present year, to be expended for the organization of the Society, rary and Museum.
ry and Museum.

J. B. WILLSON, President.
J. S. TIBBY, Secretary.

The committee to which was referred the requests of the representative of the Lord's Day Alliance reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Your Committee to which the request of Dr. T. J. Johnson of the Lord's Day Alliance was referred, would respectfully recommend the following resolution:

That this Synod express its appreciation of the address delivered by Dr. Johnson in behalf of the Lord's Day Alliance, and commend this organization for the work it is doing for the pro-

tection of the Sabbath laws. We recommend it to the prayers and generosity of our people.

Respectfully submitted,
J. K. ROBB.
JAMES S. McGAW.

Congregations in Pennsylvania were recommended to make their contributions to the Pennsylvania State Lord's Day Alliance.

The appointment of a Committee on Arrangements for next Synod was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on Bible Readers reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE READING.

Synod's Committee on Bible Reading would respectfully report:

The work of the Bible Reading Committee has been about on a par this year with that of last year. Practically the same number of Bible Readers were disposed of, also about two hundred of the Yearly Bible Readers. Five thousand Daily Readers were sold. Fifty diplomas were granted.

Boyd A. White, the second member of the committee, had the names and congregations entered on the Diplomas by an artist in his town, himself meeting the expense of the same.

As in former years, a letter was sent to each congregation urging the use of the Bible Readers among the members and that an attempt be made to bring them into general use both in the congregation and in the neighborhood.

As directed by last Synod, the Chairman of the Committee co-operated with the American Bible Society in the work of raising money through the Covenanter Church for that Society.

Financial—		
Printer's Bill	$119.15	
Postage and other expense	25.44	
		$144.59
Receipts from sale of Daily Readers	$121.50	
Receipts from sale of Yearly Readers	9.30	
Deficit	13.79	
		$144.59

We recommend that the receipts from the Yearly Readers be allowed to go in with those from the Daily Readers to help make up the deficit and that the balance of the deficit be carried over to next year.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee,
OWEN F. THOMPSON.
BOYD A. WHITE.
JOHN L. PATTERSON.

The Committee on Psalmody reported. The report was adopted and referred to the Witness Committee for publication as a tract. It is as follows:

PSALMODY REPORT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

Not since the Covenanter Church was organized has there been greater need for her testimony to the Psalms than now. During the first two hundred years of her life all Presbyterians, of whatever shade of belief, used the Psalms in worship. Just as the Roman Catholic appealed to the church as the final authority, so did the earlier Presbyterians to the Bible.

This book is the hope of the world. It teaches us, as do all his works, that God is love. This love is a passion. Men give to Jesus a Passion Week. He took to himself a passion life. No love is of worth if less than that.

Passion, of whatever sort, finds its expression in song. The passion of God finds expression in the Psalms.

The folk songs of the negro tell the tragedy of his life. So has it been with the folk songs of every people. So is it also with the Psalms. They tell of the tragedy, the joy, the sorrow, the defeats and the triumphs of Hebrew life.

But this is not alone true of the life of the Hebrews. The Psalms do much more than that. They give the record of achievement of each race that has reached its promised land. For each people has been in Egypt, each must face the Wilderness, and each must have the leadership of Him who was in the fire and the cloud, if they are ever to reach the Jordan. The Psalms art typical and universal.

Also do the Psalms include personal experience, so varied that it touches and expresses all the life of the soul. There is no depth the writers of the Psalms have not sounded, no height they have not climbed. They are personal. They are national. And through all these experiences of individuals and nations, expressing everywhere the inner soul, runs the gulf stream of praise to God, who makes all things to work together for the good of those who love him.

These Psalms God put in the heart of the Bible. They are buttressed on one side by the History and the Law. They are supported on the other by the Prophecy and the Gospel.

One who finds his heart in the Psalms is at the heart of the Bible and the heart of God.

We need to give these love songs the place that God gives to them. Few individuals, and few churches have been vexed with destructive views of the Bible that had not first lost their devotion to the Psalms. Astruc and his German compatriots made their attacks on the Bible long ago. But it does not appear that these did their deadly work in any church, or in any land where the people sang the Psalms in worship. Germany never used the Psalms in praise.

When Christian in Bunyan's allegory lost his roll, he had to go back to the place where he had lost it before he could

go forward to the city of his dreams. May it not be so with the Bible roll which so many have lost. They must go back to the side of the hill where they slept, where they began to put the songs of men to men, in place of inspired songs of God for men.

This is a fact that the Fundamentalists need to learn, and having learned, to heed. The Bible is a unity; the Psalms are its heart. The Psalms must be put back in the praise service to save the Bible. We must take God's Word on God's terms. One part of the Bible tells us of national salvation. Another tells us how the individual is to be saved. Another tells how to glorify Him in worship. We can enjoy Him only as we glorify Him. We cannot reverse the divine order.

The Covenanter Church fulfills her task in regard to the Psalms when she gives a whole-hearted witness for them as the only songs given to us of God by which to worship Him. We do not have to win a place for them. This is the work of God. He wins. We witness. That is the appointed way.

"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony."

J. M COLEMAN,
D. BRUCE MARTIN,
W. M. McNEEL,
J. E. DODDS,
W. J. CRAWFORD.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported. The report was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The laborers in the Apostolic Church were sent out to "teach" and "preach" the Word of God. In keeping with this the teaching department of the Christian Church has come to be called the Sabbath School. Therefore, if there is one thing that should be emphasized in the Sabbath School above another it is the teaching of the Bible. Special effort should always be made to make its doctrines plain—plain to the children, and plain to every one who has interest enough to be an inquirer after the truth and the way of salvation through Jesus Christ.

This is essential and fundamental as a qualification for service. Only as we find a place in our heart for the great underlying truth and power of salvation in Jesus as set forth in the Bible can we be inspired to go out in search of the lost. The man or the woman, the boy or the girl, that has a vital knowledge of the doctrines of the Scripture arising from vital contact with Jesus Christ is primarily equipped for every good work.

But the Sabbath School affords also an opportunity for the actual service of bringing the wayward and the lost into the kingdom of our Lord. It is wonderfully adapted to an educational evangelism that should furnish a definite foundation on which to base the appeal of the Gospel.

We recommend:

1. That our Sabbath School workers be encouraged in their efforts to create a spiritual atmosphere essential to the birth of souls into the kingdom of God's love.

2. That the Forward Movement Secretary be instructed to send out a questionaire to the Sabbath Schools of the Church to determine their standing with reference to the standard of efficiency adopted at last Synod, and report the results of such investigation to the next meeting of Synod.

3. That the lessons in the regular international course for Easter and Christmas be published in the Christian Nation instead of the alternate Easter and Christmas lessons for the benefit of those who prefer to follow the regular course.

T. C. McKNIGHT,
J. M. JOHNSTON.

The Committee on Signs of the Times submitted its report which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

There are two viewpoints of the times. One is dark and depressing. Analysis of prevailing conditions is not a pleasant task. When we turn to our denominational situation we find much that is not good. The amount of apathy is serious. Formality is equally so. Strife often deeply entrenched. Decrease in membership, in strength of congregations, in working forces at home and abroad, in the number of recruits to fill the vacancies, and in contributions, are appalling facts confronting us.

The many branches of Protestantism by the insistent extension of rationalism, by its efforts to scrap the Bible and to expose its basic teachings to ridicule. Few denominations are free from such menace. It is found in the work of the Sabbath School, flows from the press and frequents the pulpit. It often appears in the undergraduate schools and higher institutions of learning.

Social conditions are alarming. Sordid amusement and selfish indulgence have captured multitudes. Brazen immorality, lawlessness and crime increase among the youth of our land, who are filling our courts and prisons. Class interests and sectional groups organize and fight for advantage. Money madness is the all too dominant trend of the times.

International affairs are in ferment. The world faces greater causes for war than in 1914. Jealousy, suspicion and greed are rampant among the nations. Superficial man-made provisions for international peace and prosperity are failures. Great leaders are thrust aside one by one. Vain search is being made for men who can lead out of chaos into order and stability.

Why is it? Is it not because men seek their own things and not those of Christ the Lord? Are we not in trouble because we fail to let Him have right of way in all our affairs? Should we not make genuine confession of our sin, particularly of unbelief

and of rebellion against our Lord Jesus Christ who has all authority in heaven and in earth!

The other view is more attractive. In our church we see many capable and self-sacrificing leaders. Loyal members join them in fidelity to Christ and His revealed will. The youth have convened in large numbers for uplifting study, fellowship and service. When faithful evangelistic efforts have been put forth, the Lord made His blessing manifest.

False teaching and dangerous leaders in the church at large have been challenged by able and faithful servants of Christ. Issues have been joined in the support of vital doctrine. Right will prevail. The large increase of members in many branches of the church is encouraging. The spirit of friendliness and of cooperation found among denominations is helpful. The fuller application of the Gospel to the varied interests of life is evident. The Word of God is printed, distributed and read as never before, and it shall not return unto Him void.

In national relations we find that definite moral issues claim an increasing interest and support from citizens. Vigorous effort is made to stop the progress of evil and to advance righteousness. Providence has given us many able and conscientious men as leaders in civic affairs. Many voices in public places are pleading for divine recogniton and regulaton in all relations. A growing constituency of citizens support the claims of our Lord's kingdom. A sympathetic hearing for such claims is no longer the unusual thing but general.

While menacing war clouds hang about us, a merciful God is withholding the outpouring of His wrath. He is marshalling the forces of nature by the work of the scientist and of the inventor. He holds world affairs in solution ready to crystallize at His command. We think, act and live in terms of world interest and relation. He reigns. His great dominion shall from sea to sea extend.

For these and kindred reasons, Synod appoints the last Thursday of next November as a day of public worship and Thanksgiving; also the Thursday of the Week of Prayer in the following January, as a day of humiliation, fasting and prayer in both private and public.

(Signed) A. A. SAMSON,
FINDLEY M. WILSON,
F. F. READE.
S. J. ROBINSON,
J. WALKER WILSON.

The report of the Committee on Discipline was submitted, taken up item by item, amended, adoped, and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINE.

The Committee on Discipline presents the following report on the matters referred to us:

I. A communication from the Foreign Mission Board requesting a pronouncement on the standing as Presbyters of the ordained men in Syria.

(1) In the matter of Government Presbyterianism holds to a parity of power in the hands of elders and ministers when sitting as a church court.

(2) The church in Syria is governed by a Commission appointed by Synod and not by a Presbytery, and only ministers and elders appointed by Synod are members of this Commission.

(3) Native ordained men, whether ministers or elders are eligible to appointment as members of this commission, and lacking such appointment they have governing authority only in the church session with which they are connected.

(4) The names of native ministers in mission fields should be placed on the roll of Synod.

II. An inquiry from the Session of the Wilkinsburg congregation as follows: "Should there be a repeal or a modification of the law of the Church concerning marriage stated in the Testimony of our Church as follows: Chapter XXVIII. We therefore condemn the following errors and testify against all who maintain them. 4. That a man may marry any of his wife's kindred nearer in blood than his own. 5. That a woman may marry any of her husband's kindred nearer in blood than her own."

Answer. Both the law of the church and the law of the Bible are specific. The first has been quoted already. The second is found in Leviticus 18:8-17; 20:21.

We see no reason therefore for the repeal or modification of the law or of validating such marriages after they have been contracted.

III. A memorial from the Session of the Sharon congregation, asking, "What is the law of the church in regard to the giving of Radio and Moving Picture entertainments in the church building on week days when conducted by members of the Church or organizations directly under the control of the Session?"

Answer. Such entertainments as those referred to in this memorial are not wrong in themselves and some provision should be made for the same, but they become wrong when immoral features are connected with them or when given in times and places from which they should be excluded. The general laws of Christian Morality should govern in such cases. "Let everything be done decently and in order." The fact that a church building has been set apart for religious services does not exclude from its walls entertainments for social, moral and religious improvement.

But since Godly church members differ as to what may be properly introduced into church buildings for entertainment and instruction, church sessions are urged to exercise great caution in this matter. "If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no meat while the world standeth."

IV. The status of the N. B. and N. S. Presbytery, its right to representation on any Church Board the constituent members of which consist in whole or in part of persons appointed by

Presbyteries, and the proposal to unite the N. B. and N. S. Presbytery with the Presbytery of New York.

This matter comes before us first by reference to our committee of item 5 of the report on Unfinished Business, and second by the reference to us of the statement of Rev. Thomas McFall presenting the status of the N. B. and N. S. Presbytery. The second reference will be considered first.

The communication of Mr. McFall furnishes the basis for the following statement of facts.

1. There is only one session within the geographical boundaries of that Presbytery, and consequently there can be no meeting of Presbytery.

2. There can be no legal appointment, by any individual or individuals who formerly constituted a Presbytery now extinct, of persons to act on any Board of the Church.

3. The right of any one previously appointed by such a Presbytery to represent it on any Board automatically ceases when the Presbytery becomes disorganized.

4. The only way whereby such a Presbytery can be resuscitated is by action of Synod appointing a commission to organize disorganized congregations and reconstituting the Presbyterial Ecclesiastical court.

Second: The proposal to combine the New York and the N. B. and N. S. Presbyteries.

Since the N. B. and N. S. Presbytery has been disorganized by the disorganization of all but one of its sessions, this proposal cannot now be carried out. Two ways of meeting the situation and safeguarding the interests of the church in the boundaries of this disorganized Presbytery are open to this Synod.

First. The Synod by virtue of its jurisdiction over all the parts of our ecclesiastical body, may declare that the churches and mission stations within the geographical boundaries of what was the N. B. and N. S. Presbytery are by this act joined to and placed under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of New York.

Second. Synod may appoint a commission to reorganize the N. B. and N. S. Presbytery as already indicated. This Presbytery may then remain as a separate Presbytery or the proposal to unite it with the Presbytery of New York may be carried out by the method usually followed in such cases.

But to meet and conserve all the interests involved, we recommend that Thomas McFall and Elders William J. Curry and Alexander Valens and Rev. John K. Gault be appointed a commission to resuscitate the session of Barnesville congregation, and that the congregations and mission stations within the geographical boundaries of the disorganized N. B. and N. S. Presbytery be united to the New York Presbytery by act of this Synod.

R. C. WYLIE,
H. G. FOSTER,
W. O. FERGUSON,
S. R. DAVIS,
R. J. BOLE,
Committee.

J. S. Tibby submitted his report as Stated Clerk, which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK.

The reports this year were all received in due time, for which we are grateful to the Clerks of Presbyteries. Some of the reports are models of neatness and accuracy.

SUMMARY—The summary this year is: 12 presbyteries. 104 congregations, 5 mission stations, 126 ministers, 390 elders, 355 deacons, 6 licentiates, 5 theological students, 8,345 communicants, 8,457 Sabbath School scholars, 1,895 in Young People's societies, 2,715 tithers; total contributions, $354,199.00.

CONGREGATIONS—There are 101 congregations in the home field and 3 in the foreign field; 77 have pastors, 27 without pastors; 34 report an increase in membership, 24 report no accessions. Church Hill congregation was disorganized January 17th, 1923.

MINISTERS—There are 126 ministers—124 in the home field and 2 natives in the Levant; 75 are pastors; 3 stated supplies, 8 in the foreign field, 5 in reform work; 2 in home mission work, 2 in Sabbath School work, 5 at Geneva College, 2 in the Theological Seminary, 14 retired from active work and 8 in secular callings. Cloyd E. Caskey was licensed to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ by Kansas Presbytery, June 2, 1922; W. W. Weir by Philadelphia Presbytery June 21st, 1922; D. B. Russell by New York Presbytery May 1st, 1923; Paul White by Kansas Presbytery May 1st, 1923.

P. P. Boyd died in Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 14th, 1922; James Ralston Wylie in Reinbeck, Iowa, Feb. 10th 1923; R. E. Willson in Mersine, Turkey, Feb. 18th, 1923; I. A. Blackwood in New Galilee, Pa.. March 13th, 1923; S. B. Houston in Columbus Junction, Iowa, March 18th, 1923.

R. A. Blair was released from the pastoral charge of Slippery Rock congregation, Jan. 15th, 1923; Robert Park from Parnassus Aug. 28th, 1922; F. D. Frazer from Portland Oct. 17th. 1922; J. S. Thompson from Hemet Feb. 26, 1923; R. S. McElhinney from Cedarville July 1st, 1922; J. M. Wylie from Kansas City, Dec. 31st. 1922. M. R. Jameson was ordained and installed pastor of the Seattle congregation Oct. 17th, 1922; David Calderwood was installed pastor of Denver congregation Sept. 20th, 1922; J. M. Wylie of Oakdale congregation Jan. 17th, 1923; Samuel Edgar of Eskridge congregation Sept. 7th, 1922; I. A. Blackwood of Little Beaver congregation Sept. 23rd, 1922; R. A. Blair of Parnassus congregation March 20th, 1923; P. J. McDonald of Chicago congregation, July 19, 1922; J. M. Rutherford of Almonte congregation June 22, 1922; E. M. Elsey of Cincinnati congregation, Nov. 10, 1922.

COMMUNICANTS—7,351 members are reported in the Home field and 994 in the Foreign field, or a total of 8,345 members; this is 19 members less than last year. There is a decrease of 69 in the Home field, and an increase of 50 in the Foreign

field. China reports 684 members, a decrease of 3; Asia Minor furnishes no report this year, and 18 were reported last year; Cyprus 52; Latakia 240, an increase of 53.

Four Presbyteries report gains in numbers, viz.: Rochester 3, Pittsburgh 17, Pacific Coast 11, Kansas 30. Eight report a loss—Philadelphia 30, Ohio 33, New York 14, N. B. and N. S. 5, Illinois 5, Colorado 7, Central Canada 14.

CONTRIBUTIONS—Mr. Jos. M. Steele reports contributions to the Levant Missions of $36,281.00; to China of $15,764.35, a total of $52,045.35 or $7.10 per member for Foreign Mission work. This is $10,585.21 less than last year. The Jewish Mission received $2,857.08 from Budget funds; Southern Mission $7,725.12; Indian Mission $2,770.91; Sustentation and Extension $1,662.85; Aged People's Home $2,321.55; Students Aid $1,946.32; Ministerial Relief $3,089.17; Widows and Children $772.00; Geneva College $15,437.13; Theological Seminary $1,126.26; Witness Work $6,380.29; Evangelistic Work $774.70; Temperance $1,162.84; a total of $48,026.22 for the Home work. This is $6.56 per member. $100,071.57 was contributed by the church to the Budget or $21,799.86 less than last year.

Congregational treasurers report $124,932 paid for pastors' salaries; $130,962.00 for miscellaneous causes; $91,561.00 for Budget schemes, or $354,199.00 for all purposes, which includes $6,744.00 contributed to National Reform. This is $48.37 per member. According to these figures the Church gave $14,714.00 more for all purposes than it did last year.

Certified copies of the 1921 Minutes of Synod were deposited in safety vault.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES S. TIBBY, Stated Clerk.

The report of the Committee on Supplies was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUPPLIES.

Presbyterial reports referred to this committee require the full time of eight men. We have twenty-one ministers on the supply list. The following schedule of appointments is submitted:

Allen, T. J.—Pittsburgh all year.

Aikin, W. A. —Pacific Coast all year.

Caskey, C. E.—Pittsburgh, June-September; Kansas, October-May.

Crowe, S. J.—Pittsburgh all year.

Dill, J. W.—Kansas all year.

Faris, Isaiah—Kansas all year.

Fulton, W. S.—Ohio, June-July;Central Canada, September, October; Kansas, November, December; Pittsburgh, January; Ohio, February-May.

Graham, R. A.—Illinois, June, July; Rochester, August, September; Colorado, October, November; Iowa, December-February; Philadelphia, March-May.

Mathews, J. C.—Cen. Canada, June, July; Kansas, August; Pacific Coast, September-November; Cen. Canada, December-February; Ohio, March-April; Pittsburgh, May.

McBurney, G. R.—Cen. Canada, June-November; Kansas, December-May.

McClurkin, W. C.—Pittsburgh, June, July; Ohio, August-November; Cen. Canada, December-May.

McCune, James—Ohio, June; Pittsburgh, July; Iowa, August; Kansas, September; New York, October, November; Ohio, December-January; Pittsburgh, February-May.

McElwain, T. A.—Pittsburgh all year.

McFarland, William—Ohio, July-September; Rochester, October-May.

McFeeters, J. C.—Throughout the church throughout the year.

Russell, David—New York, June-August; Ohio, September; Iowa, May.

Smith, A. W.—Iowa, June-July; Ohio, August-September; Pittsburgh, October-December; Pacific Coast, January-May.

Sharp, B. M.—Pittsburgh all year.

Sproull, T. C.—Ohio, June-November; Pittsburgh, December-May.

Thompson, A. M.—New York, June; Ohio, July; Pittsburgh, August-September; Ohio, October-November; Kansas, December; Pacific Coast, January-February; Cen. Canada, March-May.

White, Paul—Kansas, June-September, May.

Signed,
D. R. TAGGART,
E. L. McKNIGHT,
A. M. THOMPSON,
C. N. PULLINGER.
R. B. WALLACE.

The following request was presented by the Central Board of Missions:

To the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America:

Dear Fathers and Brethren.—The Central Board of Missions, in view of the work at the Indian Mission to which he has been appointed by this Board, requests Synod to authorize Kansas Presbytery to ordain 'sine titulo' Licentiate Cloyd E. Caskey.

E. L. McKNIGHT.

The request was granted, and Kansas Presbytery was authorized to proceed with his ordination.

The Chairman of the Witness Committee reported verbally on the matter of sending the Lecturer of the Committee to China. The matter was left in the hands of the Witness Committee to act as the conditions may indicate advisable.

The Committee on Finance reported: The report was taken up item by item, amended, adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report:

The following papers and items were placed in our hands:

1. The Report of the Board of Church Erection.
2. The Report of the Treasurer of Olive Trees account.
3. The Report of Treasurer of Jewish Mission account.
4. Report of Treasurer and Auditor of Board of Foreign Missions.
5. Annual Report of Trustees of Synod.
6. Financial Report of Literary Fund.
7. Twenty-Sixth Annual Report of the Treasurer of the R. P. Woman's Association.
8. Printing and Sale of 1922 Minutes.
9. Report of Synod's Clerk.
10. A bill from Warsaw Printing Co. for printing 200 copies of the proposed amendment to Geneva College charter.
11. A bill from T. C. McKnight for stenographic copies of proposed By-Laws for Board of Corporators of Geneva College.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the reports noted in items 1 to 4 be approved up to March 31st, and that the treasurer of the funds mentioned in the same be directed to furnish Synod with a statement of the condition of said accounts for the full period ending April 15 as per action of Synod last year, in order that the complete reports may be published in the minutes.
2. That the Clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for Messrs John M. Allen, William Blair, and Oliver Wylie to be their own successors on the Board of Trustees of the Synod.
3. That items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 be approved and published in the minutes,
4. That the deficit from printing and sale of 1922 minutes, and bills listed in Clerk's report, and in items 10 and 11 be paid from the literary fund.

F. F. READE,
H. G. PATTERSON.
F. E. ALLEN,
G. A. McKEE.
J. FINLEY.

In accordance with Item 2, the Clerk of Synod cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for John M. Allen, William Blair and Oliver Wylie to be their own successors on Synod's Board of Trustees for the term beginning June 15, 1923, and ending June 15, 1926.

In response to Item 1, Treasurer Jos. M. Steele reported

that his reports included all monies received up to and including April 15, 1923.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

The Board of Church Erection would respectfully report that four meetings were held during the year.

At the meeting of June 20, 1922, owing to the previous resignation of Dr. R. C. Montgomery as Secretary of the Board, and also because of the earnest desire of R. J. Bole to be relieved from his office as president of the Board, an election of officers for the Board was held which resulted in Evan W. Jones being elected president, T. M. Slater, vice-president, and S. E. Greer. secretary.

Applications from Rehoboth, Pa., Allegheny, 1st Beaver Falls, and Youngstown congregations were received and carefully considered. Rehoboth, Pa., asked for a loan of $500 to clear the debt on their parsonage. A loan of $500 was granted. The Allegheny congregation asked for $5,000 to aid them in completing their new church edifice on Perrysville Ave. A loan of $5,000 was granted. First Beaver Falls asked for $2,000 to aid in the erection of a much-needed parsonage. A loan of $2,000 was granted this congregation. Youngstown congregation asked for $2,000 to aid them in paying off a first mortgage on their property, held by a local firm in Youngstown, and thus enable the congregation to give Synod's Board of Trustees a first mortgage on the property covering this and previous loans. A loan of $2,000 was granted. Each of the afore mentioned grants have been accepted and the money paid.

Owing to the fact, that the funds of this Board are now open to grants not only for church edifices but for parsonages as well, the demands made on the funds of the Board have been greatly increased. So that the fund is now overdrawn $594.82.

For your further information concerning the financial matters of the Board, we herewith submit the annual report of Treasurer Joseph M. Steele.

We would also advise the Synod that the terms for which F. M. Foster, F. M. Wilson and Evan W. Jones were elected expire with this Synod and their successors should be elected.

The Board has asked for an appropriation of $5,000 for the coming year.

S. E. GREER, Secretary.

REPORT OF JOSEPH M. STEELE, TREASURER BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION.

Statement of Funds for Year Ending March 31, 1923.

Receipts.

Congregations	$ 57.08	
Repaid on acct. of mortgage, Topeka cong.	100.00	
		$ 157.08

Dividends—		
David Gregg	$ 604.49	
Regular endowment	187.00	
		$ 791.49
Interest on account		55.90
		$1,004.47
Balance, April 1, 1922		7,924.51
		$8,928.98

Disbursements.

Expenses to Forward Movement	$ 23.80	
Loans—		
Rehoboth, Pa., congregation	$ 500.00	
Allegheny, Pa. R. P. cong.	5,000.00	
1st Beaver Falls, Pa., cong.	2,000.00	
Youngstown, Ohio, congregation	2,000.00	
	$9,500.00	
		$9,523.80
Disbursements	$9,523.80	
Receipts	8,928.98	
Deficit	$ 594.82	

Liberty Bonds $250.00

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. M. STEELE, Treasurer.

Olive Trees Account

Statement of Funds from April 1, 1922 to March 31, 1923

Receipts.

Subscriptions	$ 966.00	
Transfer of deficit as of 12-31-22 to Foreign Missions account	312.65	
		$1,278.65
Balance, April 1, 1922		112.54
		$1,391.19

Disbursements.

Ludwig Printing House	$1,505.29	
Rodgers Engraving Company	3.87	
Graphic Arts Engraving Company	12.88	
Editor's expense	175.00	
		$1,697.04
Disbursements	$1,697.04	
Receipts	1,391.19	
Deficit	$ 305.85	

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. M. STEELE, Treasurer.

Jewish Mission Account

Statement of Funds from April 1, 1922 to March 31, 1923

Receipts.

Congregations	$ 417.25	
Sabbath Schools and societies	245.54	
Individuals	131.00	
		$ 793.79
Acc't Budget, 1922-23		1,636.67
Receipts to Mission direct		183.76
Receipts for special purposes		242.86
Bequests—		
Estate D. S. Gailey	$1,000.00	
Rebecca Carson Estate	20.00	
Dividends—		
David and John McKee	$ 36.67	
Regular endowment	91.67	
		$1,148.34
		$4,005.42
Balance, April 1, 1922		38.62
		$4,044.04

Disbursements.

Salaries	$2,400.00	
Expenses to Forward Movement	60.50	
Advertising, Christian Nation	133.62	
Water Rent, 1923	9.00	
Gas	43.65	
Building cleaning and supplies	113.08	
Telephone	37.94	
Repairs	409.54	
Coal and wood	145.75	
Fire protection	3.75	
Car fare	13.68	
Books and periodicals	87.50	
Special purposes	242.86	
		$3,700.87
		$ 343.17

Report of Joseph M. Steele, Treasurer Board of Foreign Missions

Syria Hospital Fund.

Balance, April 1, 1922			$5,303.40
Receipts—			
Support of beds		$ 253.00	
General use		133.00	
Dividends—			
David and Mrs. M. E. McKee, cot	$ 60.00		
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee, cot	60.00		
		$ 120.00	

Interest on account	114.30	
		$ 620.30
		$5,923.70
Less amount forwarded to field		500.00
		$5,423.70

Mersine Hospital Fund.

Balance, April 1, 1922		$7,863.00
Receipts—		
Support of beds	$ 40.00	
General use	60.00	
Dividends—		
David and Mrs. M. E. McKee, cot	$ 80.00	
Interest on account	172.35	
		$ 352.35
		$8,215.35

Latakia Church Building Fund

Balance, April 1, 1922		$3,075.61
Receipts—		
Proceeds of Miss Wylie fund	$2,149.15	
Proceeds of Mrs. M. E. Stewart fund	2,030.30	
Interest on account	44.60	
		$4,224.05
		$7,299.66
Less sent to field		$5,224.76
		$2,074.90

Latakia Dwelling Building Fund

Balance, April 1, 1922	$3,790.13
Interest on account	82.00
	$3,872.13

Tarsus Building Fund

Balance, April 1, 1922	$5,693.06
Interest on account	122.26
	$5,815.32

Mersine School Fund

Receipts—	
Proceeds of Mrs. M. A. Sterrett	$ 55.34
Interest on account	2.67
	$ 58.01

David Oliver Brown Memorial Fund

Balance, April 1, 1922	$ 793.04
Interest on account	18.36
	$ 811.40

Semi-Centennial Fund.

Balance, April 1, 1922	$ 39.76
Interest on account	2.30
	$ 42.06

J. D. McAnlis Fund

Balance, April 1, 1922	$ 471.35
Interest on account	11.52
	$ 482.87

Mrs. Elizabeth Chestnut Special Fund

Balance, April 1, 1922	$1,481.62
Interest on account	32.98
	$1,514.60

J. French Carithers Memorial Fund

Balance, April 1, 1922	10,283.47
Receipts	603.42
Interest on account	232.80
	11,119.69

Liberty bonds, $3,600.00

Est. D. S. Gailey Special Fund

Receipts	$5,000.00

Levant (Syrian Mission) General Fund

Receipts.

Congregations	$ 7,788.35	
Sabbath Schools and societies	2,968.29	
Individuals	469.00	
Acc't. Budget, 1922-23	24,332.83	
		$35,558.47
Bequests—		
Rebecca Carson estate	$ 50.00	
Mrs. Elizabeth Shields	923.85	
Miss Mary R. Cooper	250.00	
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Milligan	26.71	
Mrs. Mary Curry	760.00	
		$ 2,010.56

Dividends—		
Mrs. M. A. Sterrett	$ 273.44	
Regular endowment	2,199.30	
David and Mrs. M. E. McKee	307.50	
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee	25.00	
Ryegate and Barnet, Vt., congregation	8.94	
David Gregg	1,662.34	
		$ 4,476.52
Refund of duty paid for acc't. of Rev. A. J. McFarland		$ 275.36
Refund of money for passport by Rev. W. W. Weir		10.00
Refund of balance letter of credit to Dr. J. M. Balph		349.17
Drafts cashed		88.00
		$42,768.08
Balance, April 1, 1922		760.59
		$43,528.67

Disbursements.

Syria (Latakia and Suadia Stations)—		
Salaries	$10,320.00	
Mission expense	14,592.76	
Travel	465.32	
		$25,378.08
Asia Minor (Tarsus Station)—		
Salaries	$ 5,950.00	
Mission expense, including rent of bldg.	1,407.70	
Travel	481.50	
		$ 7,839.20
Cyprus Station—		
Salaries	$ 8,165.02	
Mission expense	7,677.99	
Travel	3,402.51	
		$19,245.52
		$52,462.80
Disbursements	$52,462.80	
Receipts	43,528.67	
Deficit	$ 8,934.13	

Liberty Bonds, $4,150.00.

China Mission, General Fund

Receipts

Congregations	$12,920.85	
Sabbath Schools and societies	1,949.00	
Individuals	844.50	
		$15,714.35

Bequests—		
Rebecca Carson estate	$ 50.00	
Mrs. Elizabeth Shields	923.85	
Mrs. Mary R. Cooper	250.00	
Mrs. Elizabeth J. Milligan	26.72	
Mrs. Mary Curry	475.00	
		$ 1,725.57
Dividends—		
David and Mrs. McKee	$ 102.50	
Regular endowment	1,971.97	
Mrs. E. S. E. McKee	25.00	
Ryegate and Barnet, Vt., congregation	8.93	
David Gregg	1,662.33	
		$ 3,770.73
Refund of salary overpayment		50.00
		$21,260.65
Balance, April 1, 1922		1,075.07
		$22,335.72

Disbursements

Salaries	$20,108.75	
Mission expense	15,797.10	
Travel	1,047.34	
	$36,953.19	
Less amount paid out of funds on the field	17,853.73	
		$19,099.46
		$ 3,236.26

Liberty Bonds, $5,950.00.

Syria Mission, Special Fund

Receipts—		
Relief	$ 5,093.59	
For new buildings	90.00	
Bible women	69.35	
Discretion of missionaries	206.00	
Education	160.00	
Optical case	150.00	
Support of girl in school	30.00	
Support of boy in school	25.00	
		$ 5,823.94
Balance, April 1, 1922		2,904.20
		$ 8,728.14
Disbursements—		
Freight on relief goods	$ 100.82	
General relief and sundry purposes as above described	5,510.26	

Optical test case	150.00	
		$ 5 761.08
		$ 2,967.06

Liberty Bonds, $450.00

Asia Minor, Special Funds

Receipts—		
Purchase of clothing	$ 10.00	
Relief	291.62	
Educate Child	100.00	
Discretion of missionaries	20.00	
		$ 421.62
Balance, April 1, 1922		706.57
		$ 1,128.19
Disbursements—		
Relief and Sundry Purposes as above		1,063.19
		$ 65.00

Cyprus Mission, Special Funds

Receipts—		
Girls' school	$ 181.13	
Relief	1,450.00	
Discretion of missionaries	84.00	
Bible woman	140.99	
Dividend—		
Keystone Driller Co., for student	130.00	
		$ 1,986.12
Balance, April 1, 1922		122.00
		$ 2,108.12
Disbursements—		
Relief and sundry purposes as above		1,924.11
		$ 184.01

China Mission, Special Funds

Receipts—	
Discretion of missionaries	$ 69.00
Dr. Wong's work	25.00
Support	281.63
Relief	86.31
Education	175.00
Bible woman	156.90
Native teacher	275.00
Girls' school	27.00
Type for press	100.00

Country work	50.00	
Industrial work	2.13	
House boat	44.64	
School at Tak Hing	60.00	
Dividend—		
Keystone Driller Co., student	$ 130.00	
M. E. and E. S. E. McKee, physician	880.00	
Rev. Jas. McCune and wife educate girl	22.98	
	$1,032.98	
		$2,385.59
Balance, April 1, 1922		1,380.63
		$3,766.22
Disbursements—		
Sundry purposes as stated above		2,104.57
		$1,661.65

Liberty Bonds, $1,100.00.

Amounts Due Missionaries

Dr. J. M. Balph	$ 4.74	
Miss A. L. Kennedy	5.00	
Dr. R. E. Smith	4.26	
		$ 14.00

Advances Made for Missionaries

Rev. W. W. Weir	$ 34.50	
Mr. R. I. Robb	43.20	
Miss Mary R. Adams	100.00	
Rev. J. A. Kempf	39.71	
Miss Nellie A. Brownlee	50.00	
		$ 267.41

Liberty Bonds to credit of Dr. J. M. Balph, $100.00

Secretary's and Treasurer's Expense

Office supplies, stationery and postage	$ 25.35	
Treasurer's bond	50.00	
Audit	85.00	
Secretary's expenses	400.00	
Committee of Reference and Counsel	82.43	
Sundry expenses	37.53	
The Corte-Scope Co.	45.00	
Typewriter for Secretary	108.20	
	$ 833.51	
Less Credit—		
Cash received to cover Corte-Scope bill	45.00	
		$ 788.51

COMPARATIVE REPORT

	1922		1923	
	Receipts	Payments	Receipts	Payments
Levant Mission (General Fund)	$ 45,156.02	$ 48,727.76	$ 42,768.08	$ 52,462.80
China Mission (General Fund)	27,054.40	31,472.94	21,260.65	19,099.46
Syria Mission Special Fund	7,192.32	7,642.98	5,823.94	5,761.08
Asia Minor Mission (Special Fund)	2,453.54	1,756.97	421.62	1,063.19
Cyprus Mission (Special Fund)	187.06	65.06	1,986.12	1,924.11
China Mission (Special Fund)	3,229.84	7,160.66	2,385.59	2,104.57
Jewish Mission	2,755.21	2,941.46	4,005.42	3,700.87
Church Erection	1,602.88	112.56	1,004.47	9,523.80
Olive Trees	1,583.61	1,547.23	1,278.65	1,697.04
Latakia Hospital	667.51	1,200.00	620.30	500.00
Mersine Hospital	335.73		352.35	
Latakia Church Building Fund	68.66		4,224.05	5,224.76
Latakia Dwelling Building Fund	84.38		82.00	
Tarsus Building Fund	126.25		122.26	
Mersine School Fund			58.01	
D. O. Brown Memorial Fund	18.43		18.36	
Semi-Centennial Fund	1.53		2.30	
J. D. McAnlis Fund	11.35		11.52	
J. French Carithers Memorial Fund	2,065.21		836.22	
Mrs. Elizabeth Chestnut Special Fund	1,481.62		32.98	
Est. D. S. Gailey Special Fund			5,000.00	
Amounts due Missionaries	118.59		14.00	
Advances made for Missionaries	793.54	241.32	122.73	267.41
Other Treasurers	73.18	73.18	10.00	10.00
	$ 97,060.86	$102,942.12	$ 92,441.62	$103,339.09
Payments in Excess	5,881.26		10,897.47	
	$102,942.12		$103,339.09	

Balance, April 1, 1922	$53,696.44
Less payments in excess, 1923	10,897.47
	$42,798.97

Distributed as follows—

Brown Brothers & Company	$29,649.92	
Central National Bank	7,120.39	
Bank of North America & Trust Co.	6,028.66	
		$42,798.97

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. M. STEELE, Treasurer.

Philadelphia, June 1st, 1923.

Mr. Joseph M. Steele, Treasurer,
The Board of Foreign Missions of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.

Dear Sir:—We report that we have audited your accounts as Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church of North America, for the year ended 31st March, 1923. All receipts as shown by your books were deposited in bank and all disbursements were supported by proper vouchers. Of the $15,600 U. S. Liberty Bonds which are not entered on the books, $15,000 were verified by examination. The remaining $550 which were of the Victory Loan issue were called for redemption and are shown on the bank statement as a deposit on 18th May, 1923.

Annexed we submit a statement of the balances in the various funds at 31st March, 1923.

Very truly yours,
LYBRAND ROSS BROS. & MONTGOMERY.

Details of the Funds of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, March 31st, 1923.

Board of Foreign Missions—	
Syria Hospital Fund	$ 5,423.70
Mersine Hospital Fund	8,215.35
Latakia Church Building Fund	2,074.90
Latakia Dwelling Building Fund	3,872.13
Tarsus Building Fund	5,815.32
Mersine School Fund	58.01
David O. Brown Memorial Fund	811.40
Semi-Centennial Fund	42.06
J. D. McAnlis Fund	482.87
Mrs. Elizabeth Chestnut, Special Fund	1,514.60
J. French Carithers, Memorial Fund	11,119.69
Estate of D. S. Gailey, Special Fund	5,000.00
Syrian Mission, General Fund, overdraft	8,934.13
China Mission, General Fund	3,236.26
Syria Mission, Special Fund	2,967.06

Asia Minor Mission, Special Fund	65.00	
Cyprus Mission, Special Fund	184.01	
China Mission, Special Fund	1,661.65	
		$43,609.88
Jewish Mission Board		343.17
Board of Church Erection, Overdraft		594.82
Olive Trees, overdraft		305.85
Amounts due Missionaries—		
Dr. J. M. Balph	$ 4.74	
Dr. R. E. Smith	4.26	
Miss A. L. Kennedy	5.00	
		$ 14.00
		$43,066.38
Less advances made for Missionaries—		
Rev. W. W. Weir	$ 34.50	
Miss Mary R. Adams	100.00	
Rev. J. A. Kempf	39.71	
Miss Nellie A. Brownlee	50.00	
Remo I. Robb	43.20	
		$ 267.41
		$42,798.97
Held as follows—		
*At Brown Bros. & Co	$29,649.92	
At Bank of North America	6,028.66	
At Central National Bank	7,120.39	
		$42,798.97

*Includes $12,450.60 deposited April 4, 1923, $22,703.66 deposited April 18, 1923, and $1,163 deposited April 26, 1923.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Moderator and Members of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod:

Dear Brethren:—

Herein find our report, and also that of your Treasurer, for the period ending April 15th, 1923. Under the favor and blessing of God, we report another prosperous year.

The Following Bequests Were Received:

Samuel Allen, Grove City, Pa.—Students' Endowment $100, Aged People's Home Endowment $100.

Miss Margaret Blair, East End Congregation—Syrian Endowment $100, China Endowment $300, Sustentation and Extension Endowment $200.

Mrs. R. A. J. Martin, Slippery Rock, Pa., Congregation—Southern Mission $200, Indian Mission $200.

Miss Margaret S. Cooper, Cedar Rapids, Iowa—Third and final payment to Sustentation and Extension Fund $500, Foreign Missions $500.

Mrs. Rebecca Carson, Winchester, Kas.—Southern Mission

$30, Indian Mission $30, Syrian Mission $50, China Mission $50, Jewish Mission $20.

Mrs. Eliz. J. Milligan, Winchester, Kas.—Southern Mission $75, Syrian Mission $26.71, China Mission $26.72.

Mrs. Mary Curry, Winchester, Kas.—Southern Mission $475, Syrian Mission $475, China Mission, $475, Cyprus Mission $285.

Miss E. L. Forsythe, Huntsville, O.—$150 credited to the Budget.

Mrs. Lottie K. Shafer, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.—$49.50 credited to the Budget.

A total of $4,417.93. In order to meet overdrafts in many departments of the church, a partial distribution was made of the D. S. Gailey Funds as follows: Jewish Mission $1,000, Literary Fund $1,500, Widows and Orphans $2,000, Students' Aid $2,500, Aged People's Home $3,000, Witness Work $3,000, Theological Seminary $3,000, Ministerial Relief $3,500, Southern Mission $5,000, Syrian Mission $5,000, Geneva College $20,000, or a total of $49,500.

Payments were received to cover Students' Notes as follows: Thos. E. Graham, $75 on account, and J. W. Dodds $375 in full.

The earnings from the David Gregg mortgages were $9,544.52 and from all other sources $40,312.38, making a total income of the office of $49,856.90, an increase of $9,242.32; $26,600 is invested in stocks and bonds as given by the donors, and $756,008.70 in mortgages, or an Invested Fund of $782,608.70. The expenses of the office were $4,317.37, an increase of $440.04. The annual dividend of 5½ per cent was declared out of the earnings and the remainder transferred to the Sinking Fund.

Mr. Ren Martin, having removed from the city, resigned his position on the Board. His resignation was accepted with regrets.

Mr. John M. Allen, Jr., of the Allegheny congregation, was elected to fill out his unexpired term.

Your Board has given careful attention to the matters referred to us by you at the last meeting of Synod, viz.: "Transferring Geneva College Invested Funds to the Geneva College Board of Corporators, providing such transfer meet the acceptance of the General Education Board of New York City and the approval of Synod's Board of Trustees." We would report that no demand has been made on us by the Board of Corporators for these Funds. As far as we can learn, the General Education Board of New York City will not express an opinion on the matter involved. Your Board was created and secured a Charter from the Commonwealth of Pennyslvania in 1871, for the specific purpose of handling all the real estate and invested funds of the church. We would call your attention to the action of the 1871 Synod that, "The Invested Funds held by the various Treasurers be handed over to the Trustees of Synod," and the action of the Synod of 1902 that, "Synod's Board of Trustees shall hold, invest and re-invest for the Home all Endowment Funds and annually pay over to the Treasurer of the In-

stitution the net income arising from such investments, as is now and has for years been done by the Board for Geneva College, Theological Seminary, etc. of the church."

The matter was referred to our attorney, who gave as his opinion: "The powers of your Board over all the real and personal property belonging to the Reformed Presbyterian church under the control of the Synod of that church, is absolute, exclusive and perpetual." "I do not understand that Synod would have the right to divert the title of any of the Church's real estate, or the possession of any of the Church's personal estate, to any other corporation or department of the church, or to any individual or individuals who might be designated by the Synod to receive the same. The matter is exclusively under the control of the Board of Trustees."

The second item referred to us: "Authorizing Synod's Board of Trustees to sell or lease the present building and to proceed at once to purchase another building suitable for a Seminary and Dormitory. In case this transfer is made, that the Professors, and the Forum, the Students be authorized to secure funds for furnishing the rooms of the dormitory." We would report, your Board understood from this resolution that it was given authority to use its best judgment. The building was sold to Park Institute the tenant, for twenty thousand dollars, with the option of the Board leasing the second floor for one year, in case no building be secured. During the year many properties were inspected but were found unsatisfactory as to location or the needs of the Seminary or too high priced. In the meantime at the suggestion of one of the Professors and the approval of several members of the theological seminary board, quarters were obtained in the East End church at a monthly rental of sixty dollars. Our attention being called that it cost $2,324.17 to educate each student in our Seminary during the past year, realizing more and more, the longer we studied the situation, that the erection or purchase of a building and the maintenance of the same would entail additional cost and a heavy burden on our church, we earnestly recommend that on account of the foregoing facts and the fewness of our students, the Seminary remain at its present location for the time being.

The terms of Messrs. John M. Allen, Jr., William Blair and Oliver Wylie as members of this Board expires June 15th, 1923. Their successors should be elected by ballot.

The books and accounts of your treasurer were audited by Mr. H. A. Stout, public auditor, and found correct as per certificates attached.

James S. Tibby with George A. McKee as alternate, was appointed to represent the Board on the floor of Synod.

JAMES S. TIBBY, Secretary.

REPORT OF JAMES S. TIBBY, TREASURER.

Endowment Funds.

Geneva College, mortgages	$279,842.18
Geneva College, Mrs. S. J. Steele	1,000.00
Theological Seminary	71,405.42
Students' Aid	16,876.88
Ministerial Relief	18,440.27
Foreign Mission	65,983.54
Sustentation and Extension	47,686.42
Belle Center, O. Congregation	3,100.00
Southern Mission	8,447.95
Pine Creek Congregation	500.00
Syrian Mission	7,020.54
China Mission	2,937.50
Indian Mission	3,666.66
Indian Mission, Miss Joanna Speer	471.88
Jewish Mission	1,666.66
Witness Work	1,716.67
Ref. Pres. Women's Assoc.	2,600.00
D. J. & J. A. McKee	2,000.00
John L. Downie, Geneva College	500.00
Widows and Children	12,300.02
Mrs. M. E. and Eda S. E. McKee	16,000.00
Church Erection	3,400.00
Rev. David and Mrs. M. E. McKee	10,000.00
Mrs. Eda S. E. McKee	2,000.00
Rev. and Mrs. J. J. McClurkin	100.00
Ryegate and Barnet Vt. congregation	850.00
Iowa Presbytery	700.00
McKeesport and Monongahela congregation	9,948.32
Wilkinsburg congregation	500.00
American Bible Society	50.00
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, congregation (non est)	200.00
Johnathan's Creek congregation	977.75
Mars, Pa., congregation	1,500.00
Pittsburgh Presbytery Education	1,186.05
Pittsburgh Presbytery Investment	2,350.00
David Gregg Fund	157,015.73
	$754,940.44

Furniture and Fixtures.

Geneva College	$ 41,000.00
Southern Mission	3,225.00
Indian Mission	1,000.00
Theological Seminary	5,000.00
April 15—Balance	$ 50,225.00

Real Estate.

Geneva College	$ 70,000.00
Southern Mission	5,000.00
Indian Mission	13,000.00
	$ 88,000.00

Bonds and Stocks.

Southern Mission	$ 6,000.00
Geneva College	11,900.00
Syrian Mission	6,000.00
Cyprus and China Theological Student	2,000.00
Ministerial Relief	700.00
	$ 26,600.00

Buildings.

Geneva College	$555,000.00
Southern Mission	31,200.00
Indian Mission	5,000.00
	$591,200.00

David Gregg Mortgage Fund.

April 1—Balance	$159,200.00
Mortgages taken	12,500.00
	$171,700.00
Mortgages paid	12,850.00
April 15—Balance	$158,850.00

David Gregg Mortgage Interest.

Earnings for the year $9,544.52, distributed as follows:

Services in handling funds	$ 477.23
Foreign Mission	3,324.67
Sustentation and Extension	2,720.17
Church erection	604.49
Theological Seminary	604.49
Southern Mission	604.49
Widows and children	604.49
Allegheny congregation	604.49
	$ 9,544.52

Mortgage Fund.

April 1—Balance	$544,838.97
Mortgages taken	104,600.00
	$649,438.97
Mortgages paid	52,280.27
April 15—Balance	$597,158.70

Interest Fund.

RECEIPTS.

Interest from overdrafts	$ 4,576.43
Interest from mortgages and notes	35,735.95
	$ 40,312.38

EXPENDITURES.

Dividends and interest	$ 33,565.31
Share office expenses	1,467.91
Balance to Contingent Account	5,279.16
	$ 40,312.38

Cash Account.

April 1—Balance	$ 22,290.35
Receipts	332,213.52
	$354,503.87
Expenditures	345,315.46
April 15—Balance	$ 9,188.41

Expense Account.

Rent	$ 780.00
Phone	53.13
Supplies	170.37
Clerk Hire	107.50
Insurance	13.12
Auditor	135.75
Safety Box	7.50
Bond of Treasurer for two years	50.00
Salary of Treasurer	3,000.00
	$ 4,317.37

Above expenses distributed, viz.:

Indian Mission	$ 302.21
Southern Mission	345.39
Theological Seminary	345.39
Witness Work	431.74
Sustentation or Extension	647.60
Geneva College	777.13
Interest Account	1,467.91
	$ 4,317.37

Contingent Fund.

April 1—Balance	$ 21,650.93
Receipts—Balance of 1923 earnings	5,279.16
April 15—Balance	$ 26,930.09

Witness Account.

April 1—Balance overdrawn	$ 2,020.68

RECEIPTS.

Coupons	$ 2.13	
Designated Funds	965.65	
Pro rate	841.69	
Undesignated	4,572.95	
Dividends	128.33	
J. M. Coleman	250.00	
Church in Ireland (J. M. C.)	776.90	
Sale Literature	11.00	
D. S. Gailey Fund	3,000.00	
		$ 10,548.65
		$ 8,527.97

EXPENDITURES.

Office supplies, printing	$1,292.64	
Phone	42.73	
Rent	585.00	
Share Forward Movement	227.00	
Share Christian Nation Ads	344.83	
Share office expenses	431.74	
Office help	245.29	
Salary, J. M. Coleman	2,166.58	
Expenses, J. M. Coleman	476.09	
Interest on overdraft	94.21	
		$ 5,906.11
April 15—Balance		$ 2,621.86

Sustentation and Extension.

April 1—Balance		$ 8,985.88

RECEIPTS.

Designated Funds	$ 776.77	
Pro Rate	416.68	
Undesignated	469.40	
Coupons	28.70	
David Gregg dividend	2,720.17	
Regular dividend	2,554.00	
St. John Church sale ½	4,747.72	
St. John church fund	2,700.00	
Miss Marg. S. Cooper bequest	500.00	
		$ 14,913.44
		$23,899.32

EXPENDITURES.

Canada $1,290.78, Illinois $650	$1,940.78
Iowa $1,019.93, Kansas $285	1,304.93
New York $1,988.16, Ohio $3,370.99	5,359.15

N. B. and N. S.	800.00	
Pacific $866.58, Phil. $866.58	1,733.16	
Pitts. $4,622.28, Rochester $650	5,272.28	
Secretary Board salary	50.00	
Share Christian Nation ads.	86.21	
Share Forward Movement	188.63	
Share office expenses	647.60	
Pittsburgh Syrian expenses	192.97	
D. H. Elliott's expenses Selma	123.74	
R. R. expenses Allen and McKelvy	50.00	
		$ 17,749.45
April 15—Balance		$ 6,149.87

Southern Mission.

April 1—Balance overdrawn		$ 2,335.51

RECEIPTS.

Designated Funds	$1,755.77	
Pro Rate	1,014.62	
Undesignated	4,954.73	
Local	3,313.69	
Regular dividend	420.78	
Miss Mary Sterrett dividend	273.44	
David Gregg dividend	604.49	
Rents	117.50	
Sale Valley Creek account	25.00	
Check refund	500.00	
D. S. Gailey bequest	5,000.00	
Mrs. R. A. J. Martin bequest	200.00	
Miss Rebecca Carson bequest	30.00	
Mrs. Eliz. J. Milligan bequest	75.00	
Mrs. Mary Curry bequest	475.00	
		$ 18,760.02
		$ 16,424.51

EXPENDITURES.

R. R. fare of workers	$ 357.65	
Salaries	9,658.50	
Local	3,046.17	
Interest on overdraft	172.99	
Share Forward Movement	261.77	
Share Christian Nation	431.03	
Share office expenses	345.39	
		$ 14,273.50
April 15—Balance		$ 2,151.01

Indian Mission.

April 1—Balance		$ 1,066.27

RECEIPTS.

Designated Funds	$ 375.82	
Pro Rate	384.59	
Undesignated	810.50	
W. M. S. Pitts. Presby. for salary	1,200.00	
Local	1,127.71	
Dividends	227.62	
Mrs. R. A. J. Martin bequest	200.00	
Miss Rebecca Carson, bequest	30.00	
		$ 4,356.24
		$ 5,422.51

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$3,120.00	
Local	3,018.87	
Share Forward Movement	101.92	
Share Christian Nation	159.48	
Share office expenses	302.21	
		$ 6,702.48
April 15—Balance overdrawn		$ 1,279.97

Temperance.

April 1—Balance overdrawn		$ 105.84

RECEIPTS.

Designated Funds	$ 12.11	
Pro Rate	158.75	
Undesignated	991.98	
		$ 1,162.84
		$ 1,057.00

EXPENDITURES.

Share Forward Movement	$ 43.03	
Share Christian Nation	64.66	
Secretary	20.00	
		$ 127.69
April 15—Balance		$ 929.31

Theological Seminary.

April 1—Balance		$ 1,036.87

RECEIPTS.

Designated Funds	$ 583.95	
Pro Rate	87.73	
Undesignated	307.22	
David Gregg dividend	604.49	

Regular dividend	3,945.17	
D. S. Gailey bequest	3,000.00	
		$ 8,528.56
		$ 9,565.43

EXPENDITURES.

R. C. Wylie	$3,000.00	
R. J. G. McKnight	3,000.00	
George Sleeth	500.00	
R. A. M. Steele	184.40	
Piano accompanists	43.50	
Speakers	20.00	
R. R. Fare Board	91.89	
Share Forward Movement	21.70	
Share Christian Nation	51.73	
Share Office expenses	345.39	
		$ 7,258.61
April 15—Balance		$ 2,306.82

Theological Seminary Library.

April 1—Balance overdrawn		$ 63.52

RECEIPTS.

Designated funds	$ 1.00	
Pro Rate	8.53	
Undesignated	137.83	
		$ 147.36
		$ 83.84

EXPENDITURES.

Books	$ 84.17	
Periodicals	56.70	
Supplies	3.26	
Binding	4.55	
Share Forward Movement	4.53	
		$ 153.21
April 15—Balance overdrawn		$ 69.37

Sale Memorial Building.

Purchased by Park Institute	$ 20,000.00
April 15—Balance	$ 20,000.00

Memorial Building.

RECEIPTS.

Rent	$437.50	
Rebate on taxes, insurance	220.28	
Dividend on sale of property	775.18	
		$ 1,432.96

EXPENDITURES.

Moving expenses and supplies	$837.69	
Rent	483.33	
Gas and electricity	26.35	
Cleaning	9.00	
Insurance	16.00	
Moving piano	10.00	
Advertisement	24.50	
1922 county taxes	69.18	
Water	11.61	
Deed	10.00	
		$ 1,497.66
April 15—Balance overdrawn		$ 64.70

Students' Aid.

April 1—Balance		$ 173.05

RECEIPTS.

Designated	$ 28.50	
Pro Rate	175.85	
Undesignated	1,741.97	
J. W. Dodds, note in full	375.00	
Thos. E. Graham	75.00	
Dividend	922.73	
D. S. Gailey bequest	2.500.00	
		$ 5,819.05
		$ 5,992.10

EXPENDITURES.

Elias Farris	$ 15.00	
D. M. Edgar	37.50	
Paul White	645.00	
J. C. Mathews	392.50	
C. E. Caskey	290.00	
W. R. Doig	533.50	
D. B. Russell	606.25	
W. W. Weir	37.50	
M. R. Jameson	25.00	
Expenses Board	3.49	
Share Forward Movement	17.90	
Share Christian Nation	107.76	
		$ 2,711.40
April 15—Balance		$ 3,280.70

Ministerial Relief

April 1—Balance	$ 163.28

RECEIPTS.

Designated Funds	$ 364.74	
Pro Rate	270.87	
Undesignated	2,453.56	
Special drive $25,000 Fund	961.92	
D. S. Gailey bequest	3,500.00	
Dividend	983.31	
		$ 8,534.40
		$ 8,697.68

EXPENDITURES.

P. P. Boyd $600, T. C. Sproul $300	$ 900.00	
W. S. Fulton $400, S. J. Crowe $350	750.00	
J. W. Dill $200, B. M. Sharp $350	550.00	
T. J. Allen $250, W. McFarland $200	450.00	
J. F. Crozier	200.00	
Board of Control expenses	40.25	
Share Forward Movement	22.65	
Share Christian Nation ads.	172.41	
		$ 3,085.31
April 15—Balance		$ 5,612.37

Widows and Children Deceased Ministers.

April 1—Balance		$ 1,525.96

RECEIPTS.

Designated Funds	$ 103.47	
Pro Rate	58.32	
Undesignated	610.21	
D. S. Gailey bequest	2,000.00	
David Gregg dividend	604.49	
Regular dividend	674.85	
		$ 4,051.34
		$ 5,577.30

EXPENDITURES.

Mrs. M. M. Dodds	$ 500.00	
Mrs. J. C. French	500.00	
Mrs. A. Patton $400, Miss M. Cannon $200	600.00	
Miss J. Cannon $175, Mrs. J. C. Faris $175	350.00	
Miss A. George $175, Miss J. McDonald $175	350.00	
Miss R. Middleton	100.00	
Board of Control expense	3.48	
Share Forward Movement	6.48	
Share Christian Nation ads.	43.10	
		$ 2,453.06
April 15—Balance		$ 3,124.24

Undesignated—Budget Funds.

April 1—Balance overdrawn		$ 423.11
RECEIPTS.		
Collection for year		57,017.24
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid out		56,864.92
April 15—Balance overdrawn		$ 270.79

Forward Movement.

April 1—Balance overdrawn		$ 2,924.84
RECEIPTS.		
Designated Fund	$ 10.00	
D. H. Elliott's collections	1,197.07	
Share expenses from 15 schemes	2,924.84	
		$ 4,131.91
		$ 1,207.07
EXPENDITURES.		
D. H. Elliott, salary	$2,708.29	
D. H. Elliott, expenses and office	1,274.02	
Interest on overdraft	118.40	
		$ 4,100.71
April 15—Balance overdrawn		$ 2,893.64

Evangelistic Work.

RECEIPTS.		
Pro Rate Funds	$ 69.57	
Undesignated Funds	705.13	
		$ 774.70
EXPENDITURES.		
Committee's expenses	34.86	
R. R. expenses sundry workers	68.70	
R. A. M. Steele	65.00	
D. Bruce Martin	50.00	
Share Christian Nation ads.	43.10	
		$ 261.66
April 15—Balance		$ 513.04

Geneva College Mortgage Payable.

April 1—Balance due Fidelity Title and Trust Co.	$100,000.00
April 15—Balance due Fidelity Title and Trust Co.	100,000.00

Geneva College Notes.

April 1—Balance due Trustees of the Synod	$ 7,610.13
April 15—Balance due Trustees of the Synod	7,610.13

Memorial Bible Chair.

RECEIPTS.

Collections	$ 1,194.82

EXPENDITURES.

Transferred to Endowment Account	1,194.82

Campus Account.

April 1—Balance overdrawn		$ 10,981.84

RECEIPTS.

Jas. F. Steele for purchase lot		552.00
		$ 10,429.84

EXPENDITURES.

R. M. Patterson for lot	$ 550.00	
Repairs to McCartney House	75.80	
Interest on overdraft	657.58	
		$ 1,283.38
April 15—Balance overdrawn		$ 11,713.22

McKee Hall.

April 1—Balance		$ 107.29

RECEIPTS.

Robert Clarke collections	$2,946.20	
Campaign Fund	6,000.00	
Sundries	62.90	
		$ 9,009.10
		$ 9,116.39

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries and expenses	$3,178.39	
Bills for erection	5,221.70	
Supplies	223.18	
		$ 8,623.27
April 15—Balance		$ 493.12

Current Account.

April 1—Balance overdrawn		$ 51,691.89

RECEIPTS.

Robert Clarke	$ 645 00	
Dividends and coupons	15,312.44	

Campaign Funds	12,500.00	
D. S. Gailey estate	20,000.00	
H. H. George estate share sale farm	1,794.58	
Designated Funds	523.37	
Pro Rate	1,916.75	
Undesignated	12,997.01	
Miscellaneous	153.50	
Cash on hand local treasury, April 1, 1923	2,123.52	
		$ 67,966.17
		$ 16,274.28

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$19,407.43	
Expenses	34,663.87	
Supplies	5,459.34	
Repairs	364.40	
		$ 59,895.04
April 15—Balance overdrawn		$ 43,620.76

Local Treasurer's Current Account.

April 1—Balance		$ 1,990.80

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	$38 826.01	
Fees	8,070.10	
Boarding	17,642.55	
Room rent	6,930.63	
Book store	6,811.88	
James S. Tibby, to meet salaries, etc	27,170.78	
Miscellaneous	1,082.56	
		$106,534.51
		$108,525.31

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$71,144.56	
Light, heat and supplies	7,120.30	
Operating boarding dept.	16,314.34	
Book store supplies	6,280.52	
Repairs and general expenses	6,092.07	
		$106,951.79
April 1—Balance		$ 1,573.52

Local Treasurer's Campaign Fund.

RECEIPTS.

From the Covenanter Church	$52,264.36	
From the Alumni	4,004.00	
From the Beaver Valley	4,253.41	
		$ 60,521.77

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries	$ 3,059.57	
Advertisement	2,308.28	
R. R. expenses	841.86	
Supplies	934.45	
Returned checks	1.192.11	
Jas. S. Tibby, for Endowment	10,000.00	
Jas. S. Tibby, for Current Account	30,000.00	
Jas. S. Tibby, for McKee Hall	6,000.00	
		$ 54,336.27
April 1—Balance		$ 6,185.50

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

Auditor's Certificate.

I, the undersigned, appointed by the Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church in N. A. to audit the accounts of James S. Tibby, Treasurer, would respectfully report that I have examined the accounts, cash in banks, and find same correct as per report to the 1923 Synod.

H. A. STOUT, Public Auditor.

Financial Report of Literary Fund April 1, 1922 to April 15, 1923

April 1, balance overdrawn $1,033.65

Receipts

Designated funds	26.00	
D. S. Gailey fund	1,500.00	
Traveling funds advanced	58.50	
Sale Synodical dockets	18.85	
Sale old minutes	1.75	
Sale 1922 minutes	454.50	
Sale books	1,235.40	
		$3,295.00
		$2,261.35

Expenditures.

Traveling funds to collect	$ 92.24
Printing docket	100.00
Moderator's cut	4.20
Elliott's Manual, 5th edition	100.00
1922 minutes	508.00
Printing bills, order 1922 Synod	9.75
Bible Readings	53.75
Expenses Historical Society	17.75
Paul Coleman, expenses to Christian Reformed Church	10.11
Dues 1922 Alliance Reformed Churches	60.00
Wrapping paper	4.10
Postage and postals	108.78

Insurance on books	14.00	
D. C. Mathews editing 1922 minutes Synod	100.00	
		$1,182.68
April 15, balance		$1,078.67

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have audited the above account and find the same to be correct as set forth.

H. A. STOUT, Pubic Auditor.

Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Treasurer Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association of North America,

Year Ending February 28, 1923.

Receipts

Admission fees	$ 2,100.00	
Boarding income	70.20	
Bequests	3,000.00	
Account budget 1921-1922	1,049.60	
Congregational collections and budget	467.40	
Dividends	149.16	
Donation and reception day	701.50	
Donations, societies and individuals	211.19	
Endowment—Memorial rooms	200.00	
Interest—		
On bonds	20.20	
On checking account	103.83	
On savings account	212.16	
On mortgages	1,392.00	
Income from rents	728.00	
Membership dues	473.00	
Members' fund	4,500.69	
Sundry cash income	504.05	
Accounts receivable	5,685.23	
Receipts for the year		$21,568.21
Disbursements for the year		24,452.02
Excess of disbursements during year		$ 2,883.81
Balance March 1, 1922		$ 4,503.53
Less excess disbursements		2,883.81
Balance February 28, 1923		$ 1,619.72

Disbursements

Burial expenses	$ 432.22
Cemetery	323.00
Drugs and medicines	34.41
Food supplies	1,803.67
Garden and grounds	110.55

House cleaning	74.50	
Insurance	135.00	
Light and heat	855.61	
Matron's expense fund	600.00	
Nursing	26.00	
Printing, postage and stationery	92.74	
Repairs and renewals	3,763.85	
Salaries	2,524.36	
Telephone	62.97	
Mortgage payable	3,000.00	
Mortgage receivable	6,500.00	
Savings account	3,000.00	
Interest and miscellaneous	1,113.14	
Disbursements of the year		$24,452.02

Assets

Cash—		
Mellon National Bank, savings account	$ 682.13	
City Deposit Bank, savings account	4,500.00	
City Deposit Bank, checking account	1,619.72	
		$ 6,801.85
Real Estate—		
Cemetery lot	$ 625.00	
Home property	26,575.28	
		$27,200.28
Stocks—		
Keystone Driller		$ 120.00
Mortgages Receivable—		
Glenn H. and Harriett K. Campbell	$ 6,500.00	
George Frankovich	14,000.00	
John F. and Rose McGarvey	3,200.00	
Joseph B. and Sophia Weight	6,000.00	
		$29,700.00
Furniture and fixtures		4,900.00
Total assets		$68,722.13

Liabilities

Members funds	$11,794.67	
Reserve interest fund—Memorial rooms	620.92	
Sundry accounts	202.56	
Total liabilities		$12,618.15
Excess of assets		$56,103.98

Respectfully submitted,
AGNES E. STEELE, Treasurer.

Auditor's Certificate.

To the Board of Trustees Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association of N. A., Pittsburgh, Pa.

This is to certify that I have audited the books of the Re-

formed Presbyterian Woman's Association of N. A. for the year ending February 28, 1923, and have found them to be correct.

W. E. RICHARDS, Jr., Auditor.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 15, 1923.

PRINTING AND SALE OF 1922 MINUTES.

Twelve hundred copies of the Minutes of the 1922 Synod were printed by the Latrobe Printing and Publishing Company, Latrobe, Pa.

909 copies were sold at fifty cents a copy	$454.50
10 free copies were distributed	
919	
Cost of printing	$508.00
Freight	6.41
Postage	33.36
Cut	4.20
Service Synod's Clerk in editing	100.00
	651.97
Deficit	$197.47

JAMES S. TIBBY, Treasurer.

The Committee on Nominations made its final report which was adopted and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

On Uniting Congregations—T. M. Slater, P. J. McDonald, J. Ren Lee, T. J. Joseph.

On Simplifying Terms of Communion—O. F. Thompson, J. K. Robb, A. A. Wylie, J. M. Henning, Samuel Sterrett.

On Constitution of Historical Society—Geo. S. Coleman, J. M. Johnston, A. J. Harding.

Superintendents of Theological Seminary—F. M. Wilson D. C. Mathews, John Anderson, term expires 1924; J. B. Willson, R. C. Reed, K. M. Young, term expires 1925; W. J. Coleman, T. H. Acheson, T. S. Trumbull, term expires 1926.

On Seminary Building—R. M. Young, W. J. Coleman, T. H. Acheson, J. F. McKee, A. C. Coulter, R. A. M. Steele, J. F. Steele.

To consult with Mr. Pritchard on Christian Nation—M. M. Pearce, O. F. Thompson, R. Hargrave, James Carson, R. J. Bole.

On Insurance of Seminary Students—D. B. Martin, E. K. Patton, John Coleman, S. R. Boggs, D. W. Park, J. S. Tibby.

To Prepare Memorials on Deceased Ministers:P. P. Boyd—J. C. McFeeters; J. Ralston Wylie—Paul Coleman; R. E. Willson—Samuel Edgar; I. A. Blackwood—R. H. Martin; S. B. Houston—W. J. Coleman.

To write letters of sympathy: To Mrs. P. P. Boyd—A. Kil-

patrick; to Mrs. J. Ralston Wylie—T. C. McKnight; to Mrs. I. A. Blackwood—J. M. Wylie; to Mrs. R. E. Willson—F. E. Allen; to Mrs. S. B. Houston—H. G. Patterson; to Mrs. John Taggart and family—T. M. Slater; to W. W. Carithers—D. B. Martin; to Mrs. H. H. Wylie—D. H. Elliott; to Frank D. Frazer—F. F. Reade; to J. S. Thompson—J. B. Tweed; to A. I. Robb—E. C. Mitchell; to Rose Huston— E. L. McKnight; to J. D. Edgar—M. S. McMillan; to Alvin W. Smith—F. L. Stewart; to R. S. McElhinney—J. B. Willson; to J. W. Dill—Thomas McFall; to H. G. McConaughy—W. G. Robb; to A. A. Wylie—W. A. Aikin.

To succeed W. S. Moore on the Temperance Committee—John L. Patterson.

To succeed themselves on the Board of Control—O. L. Samson and A. F. Reid.

To succeed themselves on the Board of Church Erection—F. M. Foster, F. M. Wilson, Evan W. Jones.

To succeed J. S. Thompson on Soldiers' Colony—W. A. Aikin.

To succeed themselves on the Witness Committee—W. J. Coleman, E. L. McKnight, Oliver Wylie.

On Evangelistic Committee—E. K. Patton, chairman; Samuel Edgar. Committee to add other members as desired.

Alternate to preach Moderator's sermon—E. K. Patton.

Delegates to Christian Citizenship Conference—J. M. Coleman, F. M. Wilson, E. A. Crooks, Mrs. E. A. Crooks, A. Kilpatrick, E. M. Elsey, R. W. Redpath, R. M. Downie, Dr. McCandless. P. J. McDonald, James Torrens, David T. Torrens, R. J. Cathcart, W. A. C. Brown, W. R. Cook, D. Bruce Martin, R, Hargrave, R. J. G. McKnight, R. C. Wylie.

On Deacons attending Synod—D. W. Park, S. R. Boggs, Evan W. Jones.

On arrangements for next meeting of Synod—D. H. Elliott.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. BLAIR
ROBERT CLARKE
R. W. PIPER
ANDREW LERCH
WILLIAM ESLER

The present officers of the Historical Society were continued for another year.

The following was ordered incorporated in the Minutes:

The Synod herewith expresses its high appreciation and approval of the very efficient service of the Forward Movement Secretary, and assures him that he has earned the full confidence of Synod by the diligence and discretion with which he has carried on the work of his office, and he is commended to the prayers and hearty cooperation of the whole church in his arduous labors for the welfare of our beloved Zion.

A vote of appreciation was extended the Moderator and Clerks for their efficient service, and to R. A. M. Steele for his leadership of Synod's praise.

Synod engaged in a consecration service in accordance with the recommendation of the Elder's Conference. The minutes of the closing session were read and approved.

Synod then adjourned with prayer by the Moderator, to meet at Winona Lake, Indiana, Wednesday, June 4, 1924, at 10.00 a. m. The 133rd Psalm was sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Moderator.

E. A. CROOKS, Moderator.
D. C. MATHEWS, Clerk.
T. C. McKNIGHT, Assistant Clerk.

APPENDIX

HISTORICAL TESTIMONY.

How the Church Began.

The witnessing church had its beginning at Pentecost. Jesus had died on the cross. He had been buried. He had risen from the dead. He had gone to the right hand of the Father. He had sent the Holy Spirit to baptize, with tongues of fire, those who waited for him. Beginning at home, these were to witness for Jesus. From this point they were to work out to the ends of the earth. Their work was to evangelize the nations. Jesus promised to be with them till the work was done.

The Members of the Church.

The church had its beginning at Jerusalem. It was made up of the Apostles and those who believed the gospel story. At first there was no mission work outside of Jerusalem. God meant each Christian to be a missionary. The Jews helped his plan by persecuting the Christians. They were driven from Jerusalem. Soon they are in Samaria. Everywhere they came they told the story of Jesus. Stephen was the first witness to die for the faith.

At first only Jews were in the church. Later some of the Gentiles, all who were not Jews were called Gentiles, heard the experience of the Apostles. Some of these Gentiles believed. The Holy Spirit came on them. This convinced the Apostles that God wanted the Gentiles in his church. At Antioch the believers were first called Christians.

The Church Service Came From the Synagogue.

God called Paul to be a missionary to the Gentiles. The church of Antioch sent him out to the work. Paul did his work in the cities. In nearly all of them he found Jews. These all believed in the coming of the Messiah. Only one thing was needed to make them Christians. This was the belief that Jesus was the Messiah. The Jews had crucified Him. Paul asked them to crown Him.

In each city, Paul began with the Jews. These he found in the synagogue. It was from the synagogue that the chucrh got its manner of worship. The temple had instruments of music. It had sacrifices. The synagogue had neither. Instead it had the reading of the Bible. It had the singing of Psalms. It had prayer and preaching. The Covenanter service is still following the methods of the early church.

Three Centuries of Persecution.

The early Christians suffered as did their Lord. Some were stoned like Stephen. Some were cast to the lions, like Daniel. Some were burned in the fire. So often did they suffer that witness came to mean the same as martyr.

When torture and death did not silence the witnesses, other means were tried. At one time all the churches were torn down At another it was ordered that all the Bibles should be burned.

But through all these years of suffering for Christ, the church grew in power. Fires could not burn it. Floods could not drown it. After three hundred years of persecution there were few cities without their martyr dead; fewer still without the living witnesses who gloried in the faith for which the martyrs died.

The Period of Popularity.

About 325, Constantine made Christianity the legal religion of the Roman Empire. Paganism had persecuted the Christian Church for three hundred years. In that time the pagan priest had lost his influence with the people. Christianity had conquered paganism. Now the Christians were to meet the harder test of popularity. Accepting Christianity was now the way to public favor.

The Period of Decay.

It is dangerous for a church to be popular. When it was persecuted those joined the church who were sincere Christians. When it was popular, men asked admission without change of heart. They became Christians in name. They remained heathen at heart.

The heathen members in the church wished to keep the practices to which they had been used. So it came about that heathen festivals and ceremonies were adopted by the church and used in its services. The Christmas festival is said to be one of these. It had been the heathen Saturnalia. False doctrines were also gradually worked into the creed of the church.

This explains how the Church of Jesus and the Apostles became the Roman Catholic Church. Jesus planned that his church should be separate from the world. Then the world persecutes the church. When the church becomes popular it also becomes corrupt. It ceased to be loyal to Jesus Christ. It becomes loyal to the Pope at Rome. But through all the centuries God kept a faithful remnant.

Preparation for the Reformation.

The Protestant Reformation was a long time in preparation. It came about mainly through reading the Bible. It had been written in Latin. Few could read it. John Wycliffe wrote it in the simple English which the common folks could understand. His ragged preachers read it to the people. It was the Bible that changed England.

John Huss was doing the same thing for Bohemia. For this he died in the fire.

Savonarola tried to make Florence the City of God. All these lived and died in the Roman Catholic church. Yet they were martyrs for Jesus Christ. We would like to tell you about

all these witnesses. But we know only a few of them. History does not know. But God knows. He has their names written in His book.

The Reformation.

Martin Luther was the son of a miner in Germany. The family was very poor. He went to school in Eisenach. Sometimes he sang for pennies in the village street. He became a priest at Wittenberg. A monk named Tetzel came to Wittenberg selling indulgences. An indulgence is a pardon for sin. The money from the indulgences was to build a church at Rome called St. Peters.

Luther did not like the indulgences. He had learned from the Bible that only the blood of Jesus Christ can take away sin. Luther forbade Tetzel to sell indulgences in Wittenberg. Luther did not want to quarrel with the pope. He did not want to leave the Roman Catholic church. Finally he did both.

One of the first results of the dispute was that Luther nailed his arguments, called Theses, to the door of the Wittenberg church. This took place on the last day of October, 1517. Soon all the people of Germany were talking about the Theses, which were about the things in the church Luther thought unscriptural. Luther was put out of the church. Then he became a Protestant. Before Luther the men who wanted to change the Catholic church worked from the inside. After that the reformers were outside the Church of Rome.

John Calvin.

His home was at Noyon in France. Calvin's father wanted his boy to be a lawyer. John studied Theology instead. So well did he succeed that he wrote "The Institutes of the Christian Religion" when he was only twenty-six. In this work one finds the principles on which the Presbyterian churches rest their faith.

Calvin dedicated his new book to the King of France. He wanted to win the king and France to his views. But the king did not want to quarrel with the pope. Calvin was soon an exile. He went to Geneva. In this Swiss city he tried to work out his idea of a Christian Commonwealth.

Luther was the founder of the Lutheran church. Calvin laid the foundations of the Reformed and Presbyterian churches. Luther gave to the Reformation its life. Calvin gave to it order and law.

The Reformation in Scotland.

The English king, Henry VIII., did not like the teachings of Luther. He tried to keep his writings out of England. But they came. In a little while the English were talking against the priests, as they were in Germany. Some wanted to talk to Luther himself. This led them to go to Germany.

Patrick Hamilton.

One of the first to go to Wittenberg to talk with Luther was Patrick Hamilton. He was won to the new belief. His first thought was to hurry back to Scotland with the message which was on his heart. The priests saw the danger. Cardinal Beaton was soon on his track. Hamilton was arrested and brought to trial. Sentence was passed upon him. On the campus at St. Andrews his stake was set. His death did more for the cause of Christ than his life had done.

One warned Beaton that he should burn the next martyr in a cellar, because "the smoke of Patrick Hamilton had infected all that it blew upon."

John Knox.

Knox was preacher, reformer, statesman. He was trained as a Roman Catholic priest, becoming a preacher with reluctance. He was captured by the French.

For two years he was a galley slave. When he came to England, King Edward wanted to make Knox a bishop.

When Queen Mary came to the throne, Knox fled overseas. Much of his time in exile was spent with Calvin at Geneva. These were fruitful years for Knox. But his heart was in Scotland. "Give me Scotland, or I die," was his prayer. God gave him Scotland.

First General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

The time was 1560. The place was the Magdalen Church in Edinburgh. John Knox, then 47 years of age, with five other ministers and thirty-four elders made up the membership. Their task was to organize a Presbyterian church to take the place of the Roman Catholic church, which had been set aside by law.

The first part of their work was the Confession of Faith. This was soon finished. It was at once ratified by Parliament.

The next part of the task was the Book of Discipline. This did not please the Scottish Parliament and was not ratified till 1567.

The reason why Parliament did not accept it is a simple one. The Roman Catholic church had owned a large part of the land in Scotland. When this church was abolished in Scotland, all church property was taken from her. In the Book of Discipline, the Assembly planned how the income from the land was to be used. One-third of it was to be used for the support of the gospel ministers. Another third was to be given to set up a free school system in Scotland. The remaining third was for the poor. The Scottish nobility would not accept this plan. Instead, the nobles seized the land.

The Struggle for Life.

Mary of Scots had married the French King. She lived in France till he died. In 1561 she came to Scotland to be its queen. Before leaving France she had promised her Roman

Catholic friends to restore Scotland to the pope. Nor did her plans end with Scotland. With Queen Elizabeth out of the way, she might get England, too.

By her plans she won the Scottish nobles to her side. The man who baffled her was Knox. Mary threatened him. She wept to him. She failed to move the man who "feared the mass more than a thousand men."

Knox won the fight for freedom in Scotland. But he did much more. He won it for England and for America as well.

But Knox won the conflict at the cost of his life. His toil in the galleys at the oar, his long struggle against the powers of this world, had sapped his strength. He died a broken man at sixty. The Covenanter Church has had many great men, but none greater than the man who helped her at her birth.

Andrew Melville.

Knox fought his fight against the priests. Melville defended the Covenanter church against the bishops. Mary of Scots was the chief enemy of Knox. Melville had to deal with King James, Mary's son. James had no love for the bishops. What he wanted was his own way. He could rule the bishops. Through them he could rule the church and the people. So the king wanted bishops. The Stuarts said that the king did not get his right from the people. He got it direct from God. This is what is called "the divine right of kings." Any one who would not obey the king, they said, was rebelling against God.

The Covenanters disagreed with King James. They wanted to choose their own pastors as we do now. They wanted free assemblies. James thought if the people were allowed to rule themselves in the church they would want to rule him too. Melville did not want bishops, and for the same reason that King James wanted them.

The English Bible.

King James did one good thing. He had the Bible translated into the everyday language of the people. If you look in the beginning of your Bible you will see that it is dedicated to this same King James, with whom the Covenanters had so much trouble.

The Revival at Shotts.

Each forward movement in the church has come as a result of a revival in religion. In the early years of the seventeenth century the Church of Scotland seemed in a decline. The king had forbidden her assemblies. The few that met, as that at Perth, were subject to his will.

It was the revival at Shotts that showed the inner life and prepared the way for the National Covenant in 1638. This yielding to the power of the Spirit came in connection with the Communion. Nothing unusual occurred until Monday. That day found the people unwilling to separate. They urged John Livingstone to preach to them. He reluctantly consented. Five

hundred dated their new life from that day. It marked the beginning of Monday services at Communion.

The National Covenant.

Every individual Christian is in covenant with Jesus Christ. We are called Covenanters because we practice the belief that not only individuals, but churches and nations, should enter into covenant with Him. Covenants were made in Scotland in times when the nation was in peril. These served to bind the people together under Christ to face a common danger.

The first national covenant was in 1581. The next and better known was in 1638. Perhaps you would like to know what danger threatened the church at that time.

Archbishop Laud had prepared a new service book. King Charles wanted to introduce it in the churches of Scotland. The church people in Scotland did not want the book. They said it was too much like the Roman Catholic service. King Charles hesitated. Laud assured him that the Scotch would yield.

The Outbreak.

The first attempt to use the new service was in Edinburgh. Stools were thrown at the Dean's head as he tried to read. Janet Geddes is said to have had a leading part in this protest. Soon all Scotland was in revolt. Charles was very angry when he heard about it.

Unless he could make these Scotch rebels mind him, no one would believe in his idea of "divine right." So King Charles hurried to get an English army ready to punish the Scotch folk. This he found no easy task. The English did not want to fight for the king against their Scotch neighbors.

The Scottish people saw their danger. They took the usual way of meeting it. They made a covenant. It had three parts The first part was the old covenant of 1581. It was written by John Craig. The second part was made up of the acts of parliament condemning popery. This was written by Archibald Johnston. The last part was the application of the other parts to the present need. This was prepared by Alexander Henderson.

This National Covenant was signed in Grey Friars churchyard on a March day in 1638. Afterward copies of this covenant were signed all over Scotland.

The Blue Banner.

The Scotch army encamped on the Dunse Law. Morning and evening they were called together for prayer. In the tents was heard the singing of the Psalms. Over them for the first time flew the banner of the Covenanters. The ground of it was the blue national flag of Scotland. On it was written "For Christ's Crown and Covenant." It witnessed that the Scottish nation was in Covenant with Jesus Christ.

No blood was shed. Charles saw that his cause was lost.

He made a treaty with the Covenanters and led his men homeward. Later he had the hangman burn the treaty he had made.

The Solemn League and Covenant.

This was made in 1643. There were two reasons for the making of this covenant. The English had one of these reasons. The Scotch had another. The English wanted a league that would bring the Scottish army to help them fight King Charles. He was at war with the English parliament.

The Scotch Covenanters wanted a covenant which would establish Presbyterianism in both countries. You will notice from the name that both sides got what they wanted. The English got the League and the help of the Scottish army. The Scots got the Covenant. Both the League and the Covenant were against King Charles. It was because they were loyal to these Covenants that the Covenanters were persecuted.

The Westminster Assembly.

In the war between the English King and parliament, the bishops took the side of Charles. To get rid of the bishops, the English parliament abolished the Episcopal church. Now England had no church. It wanted one. To make one, the parliament called together the Westminster Assembly.

In our time, the people would have been left to make their own church organizations in their own way. But three hundred years ago men had not thought of that. Parliament having put down one church, must set up another.

The Assembly at Westminster brought together the greatest men of the age. Pym was there, the greatest statesman in England. There, too, was Harry Vane. In the assembly sat Francis Rous, who gave his name to a version of the Psalms.

Among the Commissioners from Scotland was Alexander Henderson, the Knox of his century. With him was Johnston, who wrote part of the National Covenant and was to die for it later. There, too, was Samuel Rutherford, the author of Lex Rex. We would not forget George Gillespie, whose prayer gave the answer in the catechism to the question, "What is God?" Last comes Robert Baillie, who wrote the story of the Assembly. We would expect great things from men like these.

What the Assembly Did.

Their first work was Church Government. The form might have been decided at once, for the majority of the Assembly were Presbyterians, but the wish to find agreement prolonged the discussion. Finally the Presbyterian form was adopted.

After this came the Confession of Faith. Later still came the Catechisms, Larger and Shorter. We would like to know who was the author of these statements of faith, especially the Shorter Catechism. It is the clearest and most comprehensive statement of belief ever written by any body of men. The Assembly lasted six years, meeting in 1643 and ending its sittings in 1649.

The Beginning of Persecution in Scotland.

This did not occur until after the restoration of Charles II. in 1660. It is hard for us to understand the unreasoning loyalty of the Covenanters to the Stuart Kings. Though some doubted, the Scottish people brought Charles to Scotland in 1651 and crowned him at Scone. At that time he swore to all the Covenants. He could do this the more easily that he did not intend to keep any of them. Charles seemed to have no religious convictions. He could not believe that any one had beliefs for which he would die. His only aim was to please himself.

Two reasons may be given why the Scotch friends of King Charles brought on the persecution of the faithful Covenanters in Scotland. One of these reasons was that the Covenanters wanted free government in the church. The king's party did not want free government anywhere.

A second reason was that these men wanted the lands which Covenanters owned. They thought that persecution would make the Covenanters rebel. Then their lands might be confiscated and divided among the king's favorites. Greed of power and money were the chief causes for the twenty-eight years of persecution in Scotland.

Quitting the Manse.

Some of you have seen a picture with this title. It shows what took place in Scotland on the first day of November, 1662. The Scottish parliament made a law that all the ministers must own the authority of the bishops. Failing to do this they must leave their congregations and their homes. King Charles did not believe any of the ministers would make the sacrifice. He learned better. In one day four hundred ministers and their families became wanderers for Christ's sake. By these God saved Scotland.

It is not possible here to tell of the heroic faith, the sufferings, and the triumphs of these bloody years. Even the names of the heroes of the faith would take much time to write and to read. What we wish to know is what these heroic lives did for Scotland and the world.

The Conventicle.

The pastors might no longer use their churches. So the congregations followed their pastors to the hills. Here they heard the Word preached. Here were their children baptized. Here also did they hold their Communion with one another and with God. These field meetings were called Conventicles.

These meetings did not please the king's party. They wanted to separate pastor and people. They wished the congregations to listen to the curates who had been put in the place of the exiled pastors. These curates were often ignorant. In many cases they acted as spies for the king's friends. Some of the Covenanters, for the sake of peace, listened to the curates. More of them went to the Conventicles.

Conventicles Forbidden.

Severe penalties were laid on those attending the field meetings. At first it was a money fine. Landlords were fined if any of their tenants heard the old pastors.

When all other means failed to stop the field meetings, the penalty of death was added. Many a Covenanter as he went over the moors to hear his former pastor, was halted by the soldiers. He would be asked to deny the Covenants. If he refused, there was no trial. There was a pistol shot, and the dead body was left beside the dyke. To be loyal to Jesus Christ, the Covenanters became rebels to King Charles.

The Armed Conventicle.

When a conventicle was being held, sentinels were posted on the hills to watch for signs of danger. When soldiers were in sight the watcher gave the alarm. Quickly the congregation would disappear among the hills.

But there were times when escape was not possible. Then the leaders would be seized and hurried away to Edinburgh for execution.

Some of the Covenanters had been soldiers on the Continent. These thought it hard that the congregation should be helpless. So they brought their arms to the meetings. When danger came, they stood between the soldiers and the congregation.

One of the places at which the Covenanters defended themselves was called Drumclog. Here the king's men were beaten. Their leader, whose name was Cleverhouse, escaped with difficulty.

Drumclog was followed by the battle at Bothwell Bridge. Here were the Covenanters defeated. Many of them were taken prisoners and were put to death. The resistance offered seems to have increased the sufferings of the Covenanters.

The Declaration of Independence.

American Covenanters will think of our Declaration of Independence in 1776. The one put up by the Covenanters of Scotland in 1680 had a larger cause and no less meaning. Not all Covenanters saw that the outcome of the struggle would drive the Stuart Kings from the throne. But Richard Cameron saw it. Others might profess loyalty to King Charles. Cameron saw that the armed conventicle meant rebellion. He saw that the revolution needed a leader, and he took the place.

A paper was drawn up declaring that they held no allegiance to King Charles, who has been reigning, or rather tyrannizing over us these many years." On a spring day in 1680, a little band of twenty-two men rode into Sanquhar. A prayer was offered. A Psalm was sung. Then Richard Cameron read the declaration of independence of King Charles. The declaration was nailed to the cross. Then the company rode away to die a few weeks later at Ayrsmoss.. The head and the hands of

Cameron were set on the wall at Edinburgh to continue their witness for their Lord. So is history made.

Meaning of the Declaration.

The Sanquhar declaration of independence was an act, great in its heroism. It was also great in its foresight. Within ten years the principles contained in that declaration were written into the laws of England. England was soon to cast out her Stuart king. But she is slow, as all the nations, to own her rightful Lord Jesus.

That is to be the final result of the testimony of such witnesses as Richard Cameron.

The Cameronians.

The place which Cameron held in the history of the time is shown by the fact that the Covenanters often were known as Cameronians. When others fell away in the fiery trials of the time, the Cameronians kept the faith of the Covenants. It is not likely that their numbers were ever large. Gordon of Earlston reckons them at seven thousand. But at the revolution they raised four thousand men for Cleland's regiment, and offered to furnish another.

The successive leaders of the Cameronians were Richard Cameron, Donald Cargill and James Renwick. These refused at all times to take any indulgence from the king. In 1690 they refused to go into the Established Church. After that they called themselves the "remnant." From this remnant, through more than two hundred years of trial, have come the present Covenanters of America, England, Scotland and Ireland.

The Societies.

What was it kept the Covenanters together during these years when the members could meet only in secret? It was chiefly the Societies. These were formed about 1681. Some of you will remember these same Societies that were formerly in all our congregations. In Scotland and here they took the place of pastors.

These Societies were scattered through all the lowlands of Scotland; with them Renwick was in continual correspondence. For five years he led them with a price on his head. Weak in body, but tireless in spirit, he hurried from place to place. Now he was giving strength to the weak, now was he comforting the dying, again was he laying the dead away. In three months the record runs, he baptized three hundred children. Scarcely two nights together did he sleep in the same place.

Nor was his work confined to Scotland. All through his ministry he was in correspondence with friends abroad in reference to the coming revolution, which he so clearly saw. If Cameron was the inspiration, Renwick was the organizer of the Revolution.

The "Killing Time."

James Stuart became king in 1685. He fled to France in 1688. The years between these dates have been known as the killing time. James owned himself a Roman Catholic. He set himself to make the king and the pope absolute in England and Scotland. He had the Scottish Parliament pass a law which declared the taking of the Covenant treason. Attendance on a conventicle was to be punished with death and confiscation of goods. And one refusing to give evidence in a case was held guilty of the offense charged. James was oppressing both Episcopalians and Covenanters. Soon all parties turned against him.

Death of Renwick.

Early in 1688 Renwick came to Edinburgh. An informer heard his voice in prayer and betrayed him. He was arrested. His judges did not want to condemn him. They knew that the days of persecution were at an end. They wanted some pretext to set him free. But Renwick refused to yield on any point. He felt that his death would hasten the triumph of his cause. He was sentenced to die at the Market Cross in Edinburgh. Around the scaffold was gathered such a crowd as Scotland had not seen before. When Renwick tried to speak, the drums were beaten. Once in a pause the waiting multitude heard this confession of his faith, "I die in the faith that thou wilt not leave Scotland, but that thou wilt make the blood of thy witnesses the seed of the church, and return again to be glorified in the land."

The Revolution of 1688.

William of Orange landed in England and became king without striking a blow. In Scotland, James still had Claverhouse to fight for him. This notable persecutor defeated the royal troops at Killiekrankie. Here Claverhouse was killed. His Highlanders went on to Dunkeld. Here they met Cleland's Cameronian regiment. When night fell, what was left of the Highlanders went home. Without further hindrance, William became King of Scotland. It was the Cameronians who had made it easy for him.

The New Church of Scotland.

The revolution to which the Covenanters had looked forward and which they had helped to bring about had come. A new king was on the throne. The Cameronians thought that their cause had won. Now they looked to see the Covenants accepted. They hoped to see Scotland in covenant with Jesus Christ.

But their hopes were vain. King William's first thought was to unite the nation under himself. In order to get that unity there should be but one church. That church should include all shades of belief. What form it should be, he did not much care. As the Scotch wanted Presbyterianism, the church should be

Presbyterian. But he wanted both persecuted and persecutors to be in it.

The Cameronians Refused to Join It.

Had they done so, there would be no Covenanter church now. Were they right in refusing and holding to a separate existence? We think they were justified for the following reasons:

1. Because the Cameronians were holding to the principles of the Reformation. It was the new church that made the departure.

2. The new church took King William as her head. He might call and dismiss her Assemblies.

3. The church established in 1690 did not accept the Covenants for which the martyrs had died. These made Jesus Christ the King of Scotland. This had been the great issue of the persecuting period. The Cameronians said that Jesus Christ was the head of church and nation. The established church did not own either of these facts.

4. The persecutors were admitted to the church without any confession of sin. One can see why the Cameronians did not want to sit at the Lord's table with men whose hands were red with martyr blood.

What the Covenanters Got from the Revolution in 1688.

One thing was political liberty. William was always a constitutional king. He saw, as Rutherford did, that the law is king.

Another thing was religious toleration. Henceforth no man could be molested for his religious views.

Everything else for which they had struggled was denied them. The church of that day rejected the truths for which the martrys died. To have joined it would have been to deny all for which they had suffered so long.

However, we can understand why so many did join the Established Church, even against the voice of conscience. It ended persecution. It was part of what they wanted. They were weary for peace. They still hoped, vainly as it proved, that they would get within the Church what was at first refused.

But the fact remains that those who against their own better knowledge gave up the truths for which the martyrs died, were not loyal to the dead, nor to the living Christ. It was the "remnant" that were faithful witnesses with Cameron and Renwick.

The "Remnant."

It was a flock without a shepherd that was left in 1690. All the pastors, with some protest, had gone into the Established Church. It was the feeling that they were left alone that made them take the name "remnant." It was the name they kept for many years.

What was it kept them through these years? First, it was God. Next it was the Societies. In these they gathered across

the moors as in the days of persecution. Indeed, the persecution was not ended. It was no longer bodily suffering. But it was the unpopularity of a little sect that dares to be different from their neighbors.

They could sing the Psalms now without a sentinel on the hills. They could pray without danger from spies. They could read together a sermon from a martyred pastor. Cameron and Rutherford and Cargill would still hold communion with them. The Catechism would be repeated. These things we know. And some will also know the burden of faithful witnessing for an unpopular truth.

John Macmillan.

In the year 1706 John Macmillan joined the Societies. In his earlier years he had belonged to them. While getting his education he joined the Presbyterian Church. He seemed to have thought, as did some others, that the Presbyterian Church might be induced to accept Covenanter views.

But instead of coming to higher ground, the tendency of this church was toward the world. He was ordained pastor of Balmaghie. This was in the Presbytery of Kircudbright. Here he labored to have his Presbytery accept the Covenants. For this he was censured by the Presbytery. One of his troublesome opponents was Alexander, a brother of Richard Cameron.

Finally Macmillan gave up the struggle in the Presbyterian Church and joined the Societies. Now that the Cameronians had a pastor, they prepared for holding a Communion. It was held at Auchensaugh in 1712. The services were in the open air. A heavy rain was falling. About one thousand sat at the tables. As was customary in those days, few except the older men communed. Macmillan was assisted by a licentiate named Macniel. This was the first Communion since 1690.

For many years after, Macmillan lived in the manse and preached in the parish church at Balmaghie. In 1727 he gave up both. It was six years before a house was built for him. No regular salary seems to have been given. The first Covenanter Church was built in 1781 near Glasgow.

How We Got the Name Reformed Presbyterian.

About the origin of the name there is some doubt. Some have thought that it took rise from the Reformed Presbytery. This view cannot be right, since it was in use before the Reformed Presbytery existed. The first recorded use of the term was in 1701. In this year Robert Hamilton died. Among his last words were these, "I die a true Protestant, and to my knowledge a Reformed Presbyterian." The probable meaning is that the Covenanter Church unites the views of the Reformed Churches of the Continent, with which the Cameronians had been closely connected, and the Presbyterian Church of Scotland. The name Covenanter is much better known and understood.

The Reformed Presbytery.

As long as John Macmillan was the only ordained minister of the Societies, they could not have a meeting of Presbytery. During all these years their affairs had been conducted by the General Meeting. This does not seem to have been a delegated body. Rather was it a popular meeting of all the people who cared to come and share in the deliberations.

But this body had no authority to ordain pastors, and Macmillan could not act alone. A second minister is needed to form a Presbytery and he did not appear until 1743. In this year Alexander Nairn joined the Societies and at once a meeting of Presbytery was called. This was the Reformed Presbytery. Alexander Marshall was the first minister ordained by the Presbytery. In this year, 1743, another Communion was held, the next after 1712. In each case the Covenants were renewed with changes to suit the occasion.

COVENANTERS IN AMERICA.

Why They Came.

The Covenanter Church in America grew out of the persecutions in Scotland. Some came because they were banished from their own country. Others fled in order to escape fines and imprisonment imposed by the British government. All who came hoped to find in America a home of freedom, where they could worship God according to their own consciences.

Where They Settled.

The little bands of Covenanters who came to America nad no plan for locating together. They were scattered from Nova Scotia on the north to the Carolinas on the south. The larger numbers settled in Eastern Pennsylvania. Wherever families were located together they formed a society for the worship of God. Their first churches were built of logs. Sometimes they worshiped in private homes or in barns or under the branches of the trees

Congregations today are located in Canada. Orlando, Florida is the farthest point south. From the Atlantic Coast they are dotted westward into Colorado. Then they extend along the Pacific coast from Seattle in the Northwest to Los Angeles in Southern California.

The Struggle for a Ministry.

The Covenanter bands in America were without a minister until 1742. Rev. Alexander Craighead then joined them from the Presbyterian Church. After serving seven years he returned to the Presbyterians. The Covenanters were again left without a minister. In 1751 Rev. John Cuthbertson came over from the Church in Scotland. He labored alone for twenty years. Some of the ministers who later joined the Church did not prove faithful to her cause. Still the struggling societies continued faithful and grew.

The early ministers in America served at great sacrifice. They rode long distances on horseback, often over paths in the mountains. Sometimes, hungry and weary, they would spend the night in the midst of wild beasts and warlike Indians.

Organizations.

The Reformed Presbytery in America was organized at Paxtang, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1774. It began with three ministers and elders from the societies. This organization continued for eight years when it was lost through a union with the Associate Presbyterian Church.

The Reformed Presbytery of North America was organized at Philadelphia in May, 1798. This was distinctly an American organization. For the past sixteen years the scattered bands had been guided by the Reformed Presbytery in Scotland. At this point the Church became independent of the Presbyteries of Scotland and Ireland.

The Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America was organized in Philadelphia, May 24, 1809. There were also formed at this time the Northern, Middle and Southern Presbyteries. In 1823 the Synod became a delegated body with two ministers and two elders from each Presbytery. The meetings were held every two years. In 1831 two Synods were formed called the Eastern Subordinate Synod and the Western Subordinate Synod. The Allegheny mountains were the dividing line. In 1840 this division was abolished. On the following year the Synod was again composed of all the ministers and an elder from each session. Since 1861 the Synod meetings have been held year by year.

Divisions.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church in America many times survived what seemed like a death struggle. Periods of growth and prosperity were followed by defection and division.

The first great division occurred in 1772. The spirit of church union was growing in favor. The Associate Presbyterians, (or Seceders) and the Reformed Presbyterians seemed closer together than others. Yet their views of Christ in His relation to Civil Government cannot be harmonized. But the spirit of union swept on until the Reformed Presbyterians and the Associate Presbyterians united on November 1, 1782. This formed the Associate Reformed Church.

All the ministers of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and all but two of the Associate Presbyterians went into the union. This resulted in the disorganization of the Reformed Presbytery. The people, however, did not all unite. There were now three churches instead of one.

The Associate and the Associate Reformed churches united in 1858 and formed the United Presbyterian Church.

The second division occurred in 1833. It is remarkable how a struggling remnant of faithful Covenanters held on without a ministry and again developed into a growing church. In the

midst of prosperity, however, a few grew restless. They began to attack the Church's position of dissent against a non-Christian government. From pulpit and press they tried to show how Covenanters could incorporate with the government and still be free from its sins.

This discussion yielded its harvest. In 1833 those who sought to overthrow the historic position of the Church, withdrew. With them they took all who accepted their teachings. They formed The General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. This branch is known as the Reformed Presbyterian Church, New Side. Their beliefs and practices are essentially the same as those of the United Presbyterian Church. This division caused a serious break in the unity and progress of the Covenanter Church.

The third division occurred in 1891. This break followed the same line as that of 1833. Certain leaders became dissatisfied with the position of political dissent. They could have peaceably withdrawn and united with a church that held their views. They sought instead to persuade the Church to abandon the position which they themselves had covenanted to maintain. In this they failed. But it drove a wedge of division that caused a minority of ministers and members to sever connections with the Church.

Principles Unchanged.

The principles of the Covenanter Church remain unchanged. If they were true three centuries ago they are true today. If they were worth dying for then they are worth living for now. At times when the Church was all but extinct, when not even a minister was left to rally her scattered members, a faithful few held up their blood-bought principles as an ensign before the world. Many branches have been broken off. Every church has among its members descendants of the Covenanters. But the old tree still stands. It has for centuries weathered the storms of hate and division and persecution. Its roots are deeply anchored in the soil of the Gospel. The truth can never die.

What Covenanters Stand For.

We need not dwell on the great truths of salvation held in common with other branches of Christ's church. We shall wait only to mention a few things that are outstanding in Covenanter history.

Civil and Religious Liberty.

The Covenanters have been pioneers in the struggle for freedom and independence. They fought to the death against the tyranny of the Pope of Rome. They stood against the despotic rule of kings who dictated to the Church how it must worship God.

When despotism and persecution were at their worst, the Covenanters in Scotland, led by Richard Cameron, published their Declaration of Independence. This they nailed to the market cross in Rutherglen, May 27, 1679. One year later in the

"Queensferry Paper" they declared to the world the principles of true democracy. It meant persecution and death to those who proclaimed them. But in the death pangs of martyrdom free nations and free churches were born.

The Covenanters had an important part in moulding our American Declaration of Independence. With one heart they preached and worked for national independence. They all supported the cause of the Revolution. Rev. Alexander Craighead, a Covenanter minister, called his followers together in 1743, at Octorara, Pennsylvania. There they renewed the Covenants and swore with uplifted swords to defend their lives and property and consciences against the oppression of the King of England. In 1775, through the influence of this same minister and his followers, the first Declaration of Independence was issued at Charlotte, Mecklenberg County, North Carolina. This was called the Mecklenberg Declaration. The sentiment of the American Declaration of Independence adopted July 4, 1776, shows a remarkable similarity to the "Queensferry Paper" written by Donald Cargill and the "Mecklenberg Declaration" instigated by Alexander Craighead. Some historians question the accuracy of the Mecklenberg claim, but the Covenanters held it to be true.

Comparing the Declaration of Independence and the Mecklenberg Declaration, Judge Tucker says, "Every one must be persuaded, at least all who have been minute observers of style, that one of these papers had borrowed from the other."

Bancroft says, "The first public voice in America for dissolving all connection with Great Britain came not from the Puritans of New England, the Dutch of New York, nor the Planters of Virginia, but from the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians of the Carolinas."

The Supremacy of Christ.

Jesus Christ is supreme in world affairs. He is King of the Nations and Head of the Church. Earthly kings or popes are to be resisted when they claim for themselves authority that belongs only to Christ.

The aim of the Reformed Presbyterian Church is to place Christ first—first in the individual life, first in the social life, first in the business life, and first in the political life. Christians therefore should do nothing that would involve dishonor to Jesus Christ.

Christ's Kingship Over Nations.

Covenanters witness for the Crown as well as for the Cross of Jesus Christ. If Christ is the "King of Nations" the nations should acknowledge His kingly rule. America did acknowledge Him in the documents of her early history. But she rejected Him in her Constitution in 1787. Benjamin Franklin eloquently pleaded that prayers for divine guidance be offered in the Constitutional Convention. But no prayers were offered. No wonder the Constitution drawn up is silent concerning Christ and His Law.

The Constitution with all its excellencies recognizes "We the People" as the supreme rulers of the land. But Jesus Christ is the supreme ruler over nations. The Constitution declared that "This Constitution * * * shall be the supreme law of the land." But the Law of God is the supreme law for nations. Covenanters cannot accept these propositions. Therefore they do not swear allegiance to the Constitution as long as it places itself above God's law and the rule of the people above the rule of Christ. They are laboring for an amendment to the Constitution which will acknowledge Christ as the supreme ruler and His Word as the supreme law.

Covenanting.

The covenanting spirit so prominent in Scotland and Ireland was carried also to America. The Covenants were renewed at Middle Octorara, Pennsylvania, in 1743, under the leadership of Rev. Alexander Craighead.

The American Covenant was sworn at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1871. It was subscribed by seventy-four ministers, seventy elders, five licentiates and four students of theology. It was later subscribed by members in the various congregations. The Church enjoyed a period of unusual prosperity after the Covenant was signed. The fiftieth anniversary of this Covenant was celebrated by the Synod at Pittsburgh, in 1921.

The Psalms in Worship.

The song-book used in the praise of God is the one hundred and fifty Psalms of the Bible. Covenanters hold that the New Testament church used only the Psalms. They find no warrant in the Word of God for the use of any others. Their custom, therefore, has always been to worship God with these songs of the Bible.

Instrumental Music in Worship.

This Church has never used instruments of music in their worship. It believes that Christ did not use nor authorize their use. The early church did not have them, neither did the Reformed and the Presbyterian churches of the Reformation period allow them. It holds that these were a part of the ceremonial worship in the temple and had no place in the synagogue after which the New Testament Church was patterned.

Oath-Bound Secrecy.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church believes that the Christian cannot be faithful to the lodge and loyal to the Christ. The very principle of organized secrecy it declares to be wrong. Christ ever spake openly to the world. His religion is the great world system of light. He condemned the works of darkness and said that men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

The lodge has its forms of worship, but it is worship without Christ. Some lodges claim to provide salvation, but it is

salvation without Christ. It has exercises of religion, but certainly not of the Christian religion. The Covenanter does not believe that Jesus would join or would want His followers to join an oath-bound secret organization.

Christian Education.

The Church of the Covenanters has always held a high standard of Christian education. Her ministry is made up of college-trained men. To maintain this standard the Church has endowed a College and Seminary for the education of her youth.

Geneva College.

"Geneva Hall" was founded by the Lakes Presbytery, at Northwood, Ohio, April 20, 1848. The first Superintendent was Rev. J. B. Johnston. Forty-two students were enrolled the first year. The first catalogue was issued in 1850. Geneva Female Institute was founded at Northwood in 1851. In 1856 the Board of Trustees declared that "Geneva Hall was not designed as a rival of any other institution. Its design, as entertained by its founders, was to advance the cause of perpetuating and increasing the Gospel ministry, particularly in our own Church."

The Synod took over the control of the College, May 31, 1859. In 1872 the name was changed from "Geneva Hall" to "Geneva College." One hundred and twenty-four students were enrolled that year and the college curriculum was enlarged.

The Synod of 1878 appointed a committee to report on the advisability of changing the location of the College. At the following Synod three places were proposed for a new location: Beaver Falls, Pa., Morning Sun, Iowa, and Bellefontaine, Ohio. The offer of Beaver Falls of ten acres of ground and $20,000 for the erection of a building was accepted. Accordingly, the College was established at Beaver Falls in 1880.

Geneva College has grown until now it has a beautiful campus, a group of five substantial buildings and a good athletic field. The buildings, grounds and endowments represent a valuation of about $700,000. The enrollment in 1921-22 in all departments was 842.

Theological Seminary.

A Theological Seminary was established in Philadelphia in 1810. Rev. Samuel B. Wylie was the instructor. In 1838 two seminaries were opened, one at Coldenham, N. Y., under the professorship of Rev. J. R. Willson, and the other at Allegheny, Pa., under Rev. Thomas Sproull. In 1840 these two institutions were united at Allegheny, under the joint care of both professors. In 1845 the Seminary was moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1850 to Northwood, Ohio, so that the College and Seminary might be together. In 1851 the institution was suspended and the students were directed to prosecute their studies under their respective Presbyteries. It was reorganized in 1856 and located at Allegheny, Pa., in which vicinity it has since remained.

TEMPERANCE.

Intoxicating Liquors.

This Church took an early stand on the liquor question. The Synod of 1841 flatly prohibited its members from engaging in this traffic. Year after year the position of the Church was strengthened. Support was given to every legitimate temperance organization. Every Covenanter is subject to discipline if he makes, sells, drinks or gives away intoxicating liquors.

Tobacco.

Tobacco is also an outlaw. In 1864 members of the Church were enjoined not to use it. In 1879 it was decided not to license any minister nor ordain any officer who used tobacco. Later it was recommended that no tobacco user should be employed as a teacher in the Sabbath School. The constant aim is to lead the membership to the same high standard of a clean life.

Anti-Slavery.

The Covenanter Church never compromised with slavery. Her ministers did much to secure pardon for the oppressed. They condemned slavery as a national crime against God and man. They were sometimes mobbed and burned in effigy, but they were not silenced. Every member that fought in the Civil War fought with the armies of the North. The Church's attitude on slavery accounts for the fewness of Covenanter congregations in the Southland now.

HOME MISSIONS.

Among the Freedmen.

While the Civil War was still in progress, the Church sought to establish missions among the negroes in the South. A missionary was sent to Beaufort, S. C., in 1862. Later, work was begun at Fernandina, Fla., Washington, D. C., and Natchez, Miss. The work is now centered at Selma, Ala. It began in 1874, with fourteen pupils. It has grown to a school of nearly 600. A congregation was organized in 1875. It has a pastor, efficient officers and an increasing membership.

Among the Indians.

Work was started among the American Indians about twenty miles from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, in 1889. Rev. W. W. Carithers and wife were the pioneer missionaries. Mr. Carithers is still in charge. Buildings were erected and a school was started. The first communion was held in 1895. A Congregation was organized by the Kansas Presbytery in October, 1902. The school was discontinued in 1918, but missionary work goes on. The Mission property consists of a group of ten buildings in connection with 160 acres of ground.

Among the Jews.

The first work among the Jews was started in Cincinnati by Rev. J. C. Smith. This was in 1893, and the work was done in connection with his congregation. Rev. Louis Meyer, a scholar and a recognized authority on Jewish affairs, was a product of this mission. Rev. J. C. McFeeters, about the same time, started a similar work in Philadelphia. Dr. David Metheny provided the first building. The work in Philadelphia still continues. It is directed by the Jewish Mission Board elected by the Synod. The Church owns a suitable building in the heart of a large Jewish section of the city. Two lady missionaries are now carrying on the work.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Levant.

The Church has three principal Mission centers in the Levant: Latakia, Syria; Mersina, in Silicia (Asia Minor); and the Island of Cyprus.

Work was begun at Latakia in 1859. The first missionaries were Revs. R. J. Dodds and Joseph Beattie. Dr. David Metheny went out as a medical missionary five years later. Many faithful missionaries have served in this field, some of whom laid down their lives. Twelve mountain village schools and fourteen Sabbath Schools are now conducted in this district. Extensive medical work is also done here. The present working force is eight missionaries from the home church besides the native workers. The native church has now a membership of 193.

The work was started at Mersine by Dr. David Metheny in 1882. This station was the center of great disturbances during the World War. It has before and since been the scene of famine, pestilence and massacre. Thousands of refugees crowded into the city for shelter. The missionaries stuck to their post, ministering relief and teaching Jesus Christ. Some of our finest missionaries sacrificed their lives in this field. Work was done for many years in other stations in the Levant, including Tarsus. Adana and Suadea.

The work on the Island of Cyprus began in 1887. Rev. J. R. W. Stevenson was the first missionary. This is a promising mission field. Work is established in two centers. One center is Larnaca and the other is Nicosia. At Larnaca is a well established academy for boys, with more than 200 students. This school has a wide influence on the island. Evangelistic and Sabbath School work is also carried on. Nicosia is a center for medical work. A school for girls was started here in 1923. Nine American missionaries are now representing the Church in Cyprus.

China.

Missionary work was started in China in 1895. The first missionaries sent out were Revs. A. I. Robb, Elmer McBurney and their wives. The chief center is Tak Hing Chau in South

China. This was one of the great strongholds of idolatry. Here evangelistic, medical, educational and industrial work is extensively carried on. There is a school for boys, one for girls, one for women and one for training young men for the ministry. Two other important stations are located at Do Sing and Lo Ting. The work in China has far-reaching influence. The Church has grown to a membership of about 700 and is making progress toward self-support. The Church in America has now more than twenty representatives in China. Some others have returned home because of ill health. Some who have finished their labors have fallen asleep.

National Reform.

The Reformed Presbyterian Church has sought to carry the message of Christ's supremacy to the nations. Our Constitution of Civil Government does not acknowledge Christ the King. The great task, then, is to secure an amendment to the Constitution that will take Christ in. To this end the National Reform Association was organized in 1863. Covenanters were the prime movers in this organization. It is composed of a great body of Christian citizens who are in sympathy with its ideals. It stands for the maintenance of all the existing Christian features in our government, for all needed reforms and for the nation's subjection to Christ. This Association has grown to great proportions and is a world-wide influence in national affairs. Many of its leading spirits still are members of this Church.

The Witness Committee is an organization within the Church. Its work is to disseminate the distinctive truths for which this Church stands. It distributes vast quantities of literature. It has a lecturer giving his full time to colleges, presenting to students the social Gospel.

World Peace.

The Covenanter Church stands for peace. She believes that world peace will come only when the world accepts the Prince of Peace. Her members resort to arms only in defense of righteousness. In Scotland they fought against tyranny and for Christian freedom. In the Revolutionary War they fought for national independence. In the Civil War they fought for the deliverance of the slaves. In the great World War they fought to save the world from military despotism. But Covenanters love peace and long for the time when the peace of Christ shall prevail.

Publications.

The following publications were edited by Covenanters but not as official organs of the Church:

The Evangelical Witness, The Albany Quarterly, The Christian Statesman, Our Banner, The College Cabinet, The Monthly Advocate, The Guiding Star, The Reformed Presbyterian Stan-

dard, The Hebrew Messenger, The Christian Nation and The Herald of Mission News.

The Christian Nation began in 1884, with John W. Pritchard as editor and publisher. This is a weekly publication, and Mr. Pritchard is still in control.

The Herald of Mission News, now published as Olive Trees, is a monthly magazine controlled by the Board of Foreign Missions. It began in 1887 with Rev. R. M. Sommerville as editor

The Forward Movement.

The Synod of 1919 drew up a program for a Forward Movement. This contemplated advances along all lines of Christian work. A general secretary was placed in charge. This Movement has emphasized the deepening of the spiritual life, the guiding of young people into their life work and the acceptance of the principles of Christian Stewardship. The Budget System of Finance has been in operation since 1920. The average yearly contributions to the Church's work for the past five years have been $44.11 per member.

A Constructive Program.

The Church in America has an annual Synod, twelve Presbyteries and 102 congregations. Foreign Mission work is carried on in four countries. Forty-six missionaries are serving abroad, or one for every 161 members at home. Mission work is carried on in the home land among three nationalities. Twenty-one persons are so employed. Evangelism, education and reform are also prominent in the Covenanter program. The great aim and purpose is to honor Christ in the conversion of men, the evangelization of society and the Christianization of nations.

A Forward Glance.

The Church of the Covenant confesses to many failures in the past. Her record at best is that of an institution laden with imperfections. But she is not ashamed of her martyr dead, nor of the unchanging truths for which they died. Above all else she is not ashamed of the Christ who has been her inspiration through the ages. The brand of truth flung out from generation to generation burns on. Eternal fires can never die.

Only God knows what experiences the Church will meet in the future. But His covenant people, be they many or few, propose to continue their testimony as faithful stewards of the truth. "The battle is Jehovah's." The power and the victory are His. It is, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

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Walter McCarroll, D. D., S. E. Greer, D. D., Rev. F. L. Stewart, Jos. M. Steele ---------- 1925
M. M. Pearce, D. D., T. M. Slater, D. D., Rev. J. W. F. Carlisle, Rev. R. A. Blair, Evan W. Jones ---------- 1926

President, R. J. Bole; Treasurer, Jos. M. Steele, 1600 Arch St., Philadelphia; Corresponding Secretary, F. M. Wilson, D. D., 2410 N. Marshall St., Philadelphia.

Central Board of Missions— **Term Expires**

R. H. Martin, D. D., Rev. Robert Park, Rev. E. L. McKnight,, J. S. Tibby ---------- 1924
T. H. Acheson, D. D., R. J. G. McKnight, D. D., Rev. S. G. Conner, Rev. J. C. Slater, Rev. J. B. Willson -- 1925
W. J. Coleman, D. D., R. C. Wylie, LL. D., Rev. R. C. Reed, A. C. Coulter ---------- 1926

Stated meetings in Room 408 Penn Building, Pittsburgh, on the third Monday in June, September, November, January, March and May. President, Rev. E. L. McKnight; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, James S. Tibby, above address.

Jewish Mission Board— **Term Expires**

Daniel Adams, J. R. McMullan, Mrs. M. S. Metheny-- 1924
S. E. Greer, D. D., Rev. F. L. Stewart, Robert J. Crawford, Mrs. Jos. M. Steele ---------- 1925
F. M. Wilson, D. D., M. M. Pearce, D. D., Ralph W. Duncan, Ph. D., Susan Wiggins, M. D. (Through over sight, successors not elected) ---------- 1926

President, M. M. Pearce, D. D.; Sec'y, Susan Wiggins, M. D.

Synod's Board of Trustees— **Term Expires**

George A. McKee, Wm. J. Ward, Robt. M. Young---- 1924
J. H. McBurney, J. S. Tibby, Thos. H. Boyd ---------- 1925
Jno. M. Allen, William Blair, Oliver Wylie---------- 1926

Stated meetings in Room 408 Penn Building, Pittsburgh, on the second Thursday of February, May, August and November. Secretary and Treasurer, James S. Tibby.

Board of Control— **Term Expires**

Rev. W. G. Robb, W. J. Marshall ---------- 1924
Rev. H. G. Patterson, S. O. Carson ---------- 1926
Rev. W. C. Allen, J. P. Baird ---------- 1925
O. L. Samson, A. F. Reid ---------- 1927

Annual meeting the second Tuesday of October. President, A. F. Reid; Secretary, Rev. H. G. Patterson, Morning Sun.

Board of Church Erection— **Term Expires**

Walter McCarroll, D. D., S. E. Greer, D. D., S. R. Boggs ---------- 1924
T. M. Slater, D. D., Rev. F. L. Stewart, R. J. Bole, Jos. M. Steele ---------- 1925
F. M. Foster, Ph. D., F. M. Wilson, D. D., Evan W. Jones ---------- 1926

President, Evan W. Jones; Secretary, S. E. Greer, D. D., 206 S. 43rd St., Philadelphia.

Board of Superintendents of Theological Seminary—

Term Expires

F. M. Wilson, D. D., Rev. D. C. Mathews, Jno. Anderson ---------- 1924
Rev. J. B. Willson, Rev. R. C. Reed, K. M. Young ---- 1925
W. J. Coleman, D. D., T. H. Acheson, D. D., T. S. Trumbull ---------- 1926

Annual meeting of the first Tuesday of May at 9:00 a. m.
President, W. J. Coleman, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. J. B. Willson

Board of Corporators of Geneva College— **Term Expires**

Members chosen by Synod—
James S. Tibby ---------- 1924
R. A. M. Steele ---------- 1925
D. H. Elliott, D. D. ---------- 1926

Members chosen by Corporators—
A. Kilpatrick, D. D., R. C. Wylie, LL. D., George A. McKee, T. H. Boyd ---------- 1924
J. S. Martin, D. D., J. R. Wylie, D. D., Rev. Robert Park, J. H. McBurney---------- 1925
T. H. Acheson, D. D., Rev. Geo. M. Robb, F. M. Wilson, D. D., J. D. McAnlis---------- 1926

Members appointed by Presbyteries—
R. Hargrave, D. D., Ohio; R. J. G. McKnight, D. D., Pittsburgh; W. J. McKnight, D. D., New York; J. S. Thompson, D. D., Pacific Coast; Rev. Chas. T. Carson, Colorado; Rev. F. E. Allen, Central Canada;-- 1924
Rev. W. J. Sanderson, Rochester; S. E. Greer, D. D., Philadelphia ---------- 1925
Rev. D. B. Martin, Iowa; J. M. Coleman, D. D., Illinois; Rev. E. C. Mitchell, Kansas---------- 1926

Stated meeting 8:00 a. m., Thursday of Synod week.
President, A. Kilpatrick, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. G. M. Robb.

Board of Trustees of Geneva College—

T. M. Slater, D. D., D. H. Elliott, D. D., Rev. R. A. Blair, Rev. D. C. Mathews, R. W. Duncan, Ph. D., Jos. M. Steele, Dean H. L. Smith, R. M. Young, R. M. Downie, J. M. Blackwood, M. D., J. H. McBurney, Jas. F. McKee, Miss Mary McKnight, Mrs. J. S. Martin, Mrs. Jas. S. Tibby, Hon. Geo. A. Baldwin, Charles Bell, D. D., W. A. Harbison, Atty. Chas. R. May, John T. Reeves, Edwin F. Wendt.

Superintendent of Southern Mission—

Rev. R. J. McIsaac, Knox Academy, Selma, Alabama.

Superintendent of Indian Mission—

W. W. Carithers, D. D., Apache, Oklahoma.

In Charge of the Jewish Mission—

Misses Annie Forsythe and Emma McFarland, 800 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary of the Forward Movement, Young People's Work and Home Missions—

D. H. Elliott, D. D., 1101 West Tenth St., Topeka, Kansas.

Witness Committee— **Term Expires**

Rev. Robert Park, Rev. J. Boyd Tweed, J. H. McBurney, J. S. Tibby ---------- 1924
R. J. G. McKnight, D. D., Rev. D. C. Mathews, Rev. J. C. Slater, Rev. J. B Willson, T. H. Martin ---------- 1925
W. J. Coleman, D. D., Rev. E. L. McKnight, Oliver Wylie ---------- 1926
Chairman and in charge of literature, W. J. Coleman, D. D., 2325 Osgood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Chairmen of Permanent Committees—

Temperance, Rev. Melville K. Carson, Sparta, Illinois.
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Evangelistic Work, Rev. E. K. Patton, Winchester, Kansas.

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Board of Trustees, National Reform, Bible Society and Budget, James S. Tibby, 408 Penn Building, Pittsburgh, Pa.
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Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association, Mrs. Agnes E. Steele, 321 Lehigh Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Reformed Presbyterian Woman's Association—

President, Mrs. W. J. Coleman, 2325 Osgood St., Pittsburgh.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. G. A. McKee, 2430 Perrysville Ave., Pittsburgh.
Treasurer, Mrs. Agnes E. Steele, 321 Lehigh Ave., Pittsburgh.

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Central Canada—Clerk, S. R. McKelvey, Winnipeg; Supplies, Rev. F. E. Allen, 745 Beverly St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
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Illinois—Clerk, Rev. O. F. Thompson, Houston, Illinois; Supplies, Rev. M. K. Carson, Sparta, Illinois.

Iowa—Clerk, Rev. D. B. Martin, Morning Sun, Iowa; Supplies, Geo. S. Coleman, D. D., Hopkinton, Iowa.

Kansas—Clerk, Rev. E. C. Mitchell, Quinter, Kansas; Supplies, Rev. J. G. Reed, Stafford, Kansas.

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Ohio—Clerk, Rev. H. G. Foster, Bellefontaine, Ohio; Supplies, Rev. E. M. Elsey, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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Philadelphia—Clerk, Rev. F. L. Stewart, 1619 Summer St., Philadelphia.

Pittsburgh—Clerk, Rev. R. W. Redpath, 3215 5th Ave., Beaver Falls; Supplies, Rev. F. F. Reade, 849 Parkwood Ave., Youngstown, Ohio.

Rochester—Clerk and Supplies, Rev. W. J. Sanderson, York, New York.

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I do give and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America_____ _____dollars to be credited to endowment (or current account, according to wish of donor) of the following schemes:

Real Estate

I do give and devise and bequeath to the Board of Trustees of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America, its successors and assigns forever, all that certain piece of land situate in_____ _____the proceeds from the same to be devoted to the endowment (or current account, according to the wish of the donor) of the following schemes:

DIRECTORY AND STATISTICS OF THE WOMEN'S SYNODICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 1, 1923.

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Vice-President, Illinois Presbytery—Mrs. D. L. Stormont, Princeton, Indiana.
Vice-President, Iowa Presbytery—Mrs. J. K. Dunn, Wyman, Iowa
Vice-President, Kansas Presbytery—Mrs. M. S. McMillan, Clarinda, Iowa.
Vice-President, California Presbytery—Miss Margaret Carswell, 819 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana.
Vice-President, Ohio Presbytery—Mrs. W. W. Reynolds, Utica, Ohio.
Vice-President, New York Presbytery—Mrs. T. M. Slater, 35 Brookfield Road, Montclair, N. J.
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Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Wm. Esler, 426 Kelly Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.
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Home Mission Secretary—Mrs. J. Ren Lee, 222 Grant St., Clarinda, Iowa.
Literature Secretary—Mrs. A. A. Wylie, 116 E. Lafayette, Syracuse, N. Y.
Temperance Secretary—Mrs. Ella Christner, 34 N. Willow St., Montclair, N. J.
Thank Offering Secretary—Mrs. J. K. Tibby, Darlington Road, E. E. Pittsburgh, Pa.
Efficiency Secretary—Miss Margaret Atchison, 864 S. Grant St., Denver, Colo.
Young Women's Work—Mrs. E. N. Harsh, Belle Center, Ohio.
Junior Work—Mrs. T. C. Weir, Winchester, Kansas.
Plan-of-work Committee—Mrs. R. C. Wylie, 119 W. McIntyre Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Society Presidents

Central Canada Presbyterial—

Winnipeg—Mrs. F. E Allen, 745 Beverly St., Winnipeg, Manitoba.

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Denver—Miss M. B. Carson, Fitzsimmons G. Hospital, Fitzsimmons, Colorado.
Greeley—Mrs. C. T. Carson, 1426 12th Ave., Greeley, Colo.
La Junta—Mrs. J. B. Gilmore, 814 Carson Ave., La Junta, Colorado.

Illinois Presbyterial—

Old Bethel—Miss Lola Hays, Houston, Illinois.
Bethel—Mrs. M. K. Carson, 411 N. Vine St., Sparta, Ill.
Bloomington—Mrs. Wylie Kennedy, Bloomington, Indiana.
Princeton—Mrs. J. K. Robb, 738 E. State St., Princeton, Ind.
Oakdale—Mrs. J. M. Wylie, Oakdale, Illinois.
Selma—Mrs. L. D. Craig, Selma, Alabama.

Iowa Presbyterial—

Chicago—Mrs. Olive McDonald, 6120 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Hopkinton—Mrs. W. M. Wallace, Hopkinton, Iowa.
Morning Sun—Mrs. H. G. Patterson, Morning Sun, Iowa.
Rehoboth—Mrs. W. C. Allen, Wyman, Iowa.
Sharon—Mrs. S. M. McClure, Morning Sun, Iowa.

Kansas Presbyterial—

Clarinda—Mrs. Edison White, Shambaugh, Iowa.
Beulah—Mrs. Olive Mearns, Bostwick, Nebraska.
Denison—Mrs. W. O. Ferguson, Denison, Kansas.
Eskridge—Mrs. Myrtle McDowell, Eskridge, Kansas.
Hebron—Mrs. B. C. Copeland, Idana, Kansas.
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Sterling—Mrs. G. R. Steele, Sterling, Kansas.
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Winchester—Mrs. Ida Hensleigh, Winchester, Kansas.
Superior—Mrs. E. G. Russell, Superior, Nebraska.
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Second New York—Mrs. W. McCarroll, 1182 Woodycrest Av., New York City.
Cambridge—Mrs. Geo. Calderwood, Lexington, Mass.
Coldenham—Mrs. R. J. Dodds, R. D. 1, Walden, New York.
Bovina Center—Mrs. F. J. Henderson, Bovina Center, N. Y.

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Bellefontaine—Mrs. H. G. Foster, 301 N. Madriver Street, Bellefontaine, Ohio.
Belle Center—Miss Mary Patterson, Belle Center, Ohio.
Hetherton—Mrs. H. G. McConaughy, Hetherton, Michigan.
New Concord—Ellen S. Taylor, New Concord, Ohio.
Utica—Mrs. W. W. Reynolds, Utica, Ohio.
United Miami—Mrs. E. N. Harsh, R. D. 4, Belle Center, Ohio
Southfield—Mrs. Ada McKinney, Birmingham, Michigan.

Pacific Coast Presbyterial—

Hemet—Mrs. W. I. Morrow, R. D. 1, Hemet, Calif.
Seattle—Mrs. J. M. Dodds, 2406 Boylston, N. Seattle, Wash.
Fresno—Mrs. W. M. McNeel, 1010 Mich. Ave., R. D. 1. Fresno, Calif.
Santa Ana—Mrs. G. N. Greer, 720 E. 3rd St., Santa Ana, California.
Los Angeles—Mrs. Elizabeth Marvin, 613 E. 27th St., Los Angeles, California.

Philadelphia Presbyterial—

First—Mrs. S. E. Greer, 206 S. 43rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Second—Mrs. F. L. Stewart, 1619 Summer St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Third—Miss Ruth McKnight, 2634 N. 9th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Orlando—Mrs. W. J. McBurney, R. D. 1, Orlando, Florida.

Pittsburgh Presbyterial—

College Hill—Mrs. R. W. Wallace, 3405 4th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.
Geneva—Mrs. J. C. Slater, 415 31st St., Beaver Falls, Pa.
Allegheny—Mrs. W. J. Coleman, 2325 Osgood St., N. S. Pittsburgh, Pa.
Bear Run and Johnsonburg—Mrs. J. W. McKee, R. D. 1, Rossiter, Pa.
Beaver Falls—Mrs. J. B. Tweed, Darlington Road, Beaver Falls, Pa.
Union & P. C.—Mrs. W. H. Smith, Valencia, Pa.
Connellsville—Mrs. J. M. Johnston, 832 Morrell Ave., Connellsville, Pa.
East End—Mrs. R. A. M. Steele, 1398 Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mahoning—Anna C. Pollock, Marion Center, Pa.
Little Beaver—Mrs. Margaret Boggs, New Galilee, Pa.
Mercer—Mrs. R. J. Young, Venango St., Mercer, Pa.
Millers Run—Mrs. G. R. Thompson, R D. 3, Canonsburg, Pa.
New Alexandria—Mrs. D. C. Mathews, New Alexandria, Pa.
New Castle—Mrs. R. H. Pattison, 721 Brooklyn Ave., New Castle, Pa.
Parnassus—Mrs. R. .A. Blair, 407 Fifth St., Parnassus, Pa.
Slippery Rock—Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, Rose Point, Pa.
Wilkinsburg—Mrs. R. J. G. McKnight, 1311 Singer Place, Wilkinsburg.
Faith Chapel—Miss Cora Tawpus,2224 Spring Garden Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Youngstown—Mrs. J. R. Shaw, 1931 Logan Ave., Youngstown, Ohio..
Central Allegheny—Mrs. A. F. Campbell, 136 Perrysville Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
Pittsburgh—Mrs. Alex McBride, 119 S. Bryant St., Bellevue, Pa.

Rochester Presbyterial—

Syracuse—Mrs. D. C. Murphy, Syracuse, New York.
York—Mrs. J. M. Copeland, R. D. Pillard, N. Y.
Almonte—Miss Isabelle Waddell, Pakershaw, Ont., Canada.

PRESBYTERIAL STATISTICS

Central Canada

SOCIETIES	Women in Congregation	Membership	Thankoffering	Total Contributions	Value Goods Sent	Olive Trees Taken	Standing
Winnipeg	24	17		48	20		

Colorado

Denver	36	36	78	299		18	89
Greeley	76	47	63	336	20	20	
La Junta	25	20	54	175	11	8	
Denver Juniors		18		19			
Greeley Juniors		15		11			
Denver Y. M. S.		14					
Total	137	150	195	840	31	46	

Illinois

Bloomington		37	45	364	20	14	93
Oakdale	89	31		168	34	7	83
Old Bethel	42	15	23	79	21	15	91
Princeton	22	13	28	60	9	6	
Selma	45	22	18	108		2	
Sparta	46	32	26	277	129	12	85
Bloomington Juniors		12		13			
Oakdale Y. W.		26		85	26		
Oakdale Juniors		20		10			
Old Bethel Juniors		15					
Sparta Juniors		8		38			
Totals	244	231	140	1202	239	56	

Iowa

Chicago	24	12	(Organized Nov. 1922)			5	
Hopkinton	37	16	34	44	7	10	
Morning Sun	75	37	96	211		18	85
Rehoboth	13	7	60	117	15	8	
Sharon	100	23	72	181	54	21	
Morning Sun Juniors		20					
Morning Sun Y. W.		30	(Org Aug. 1922)			5	
Sharon Juniors		39		8			
Sharon Y W.		35		222	10		
Totals	249	219	262	783	91	62	

Kansas

Beulah	44	22	35	111	31	8	40
Clarinda	65	45	30	221	25	33	80
Denison	50	25	52	151	65	14	75
Eskridge	36	23	60	144		15	76
Hebron	51	22	128	202	40	15	86
Kansas City		24	19	44	13	8	
Long Branch	42	35	79	99			75
Olathe	50	47	83	274	25		
Quinter	57	41	83	446	15	15	94
Stafford	31	8	31	75		8	93
Sterling	104	50	100	205	125	33	95
Topeka	55	26		188		15	92
Superior	41	16	31	79	50	4	76
Winchester	116	53	71	565	225	31	90
Eleven Jr. Societies		285		312			
Totals	742	722	802	3116	614	199	

New York

Barnet	32	40		55	7	4	
Bovina Center	26	20	25	80	10	10	80
Cambridge	42	20		144		8	
Coldenham	35	28		168	200	7	67
Second New York		40	139	567		41	73
White Lake	24						
One Junior		18		20			
Totals	159	166	164	1034	217	70	

Ohio

Belle Center	20	17	31	310	75		
Bellefontaine	27	11	25	94	235	2	
Hetherton	24	17		17	5	4	
Jonathans Creek	18	18		61	60	2	
New Concord	30	25	28	99	20	11	
Southfield	31	28	40	106	10	15	
United Miami	55	38	52	71	50	6	75
Utica	29	16	25	73	125	6	
One Junior		20					
Totals	234	190	201	831	580	46	

Pacific Coast

Fresno	9	10				1	
Hemet	18	14		63	15	6	
Los Angeles		44	88	341		16	87
Santa Ana		27	48	91		18	87
Seattle	51	30		77		13	67
Totals	78	125	136	572	15	54	

Philadelphia

First	77	22	166	258		17	89
Second	99	38	129	218		22	86
Third	108	60	402	718			
Orlando	27	22	10	151		6	75
Two Junior		26		16			
Totals	311	168	707	1361		45	

Pittsburgh

Allegheny	60	24	131	723			85
Bear Run & Johnsb'g	12	19	38	120	24	6	75
Beaver Falls	64	30	45	107	18		
Central Allegheny	65	30	140	620		14	82
College Hill	96	32	150	689	129	21	90
Connellsville	34	18	52	75	40	8	72
East End		13	45	159			
Faith Chapel	9	24	41	163		5	
Geneva	61	17	67	276	25	8	85
Little Beaver	24	21	30	104	72	12	70
Mahoning		6	19		25	2	70
Mercer	26	6	42				
Millers Run	25	7		237	50	12	
New Alexandria		30	116	267	40	14	76
New Castle	72	54	110	633		17	67
Parnassus	31	13	34	191	14		
Pittsburgh	112	57	446	1081		43	94
Slippery Rock	27	22	27	543	30		62
Union & Pine Creek	33	16	45	99	10	11	79
Wilkinsburg	79	32	226	801		35	89
Youngstown	25	18	36	99	100	9	77
College Hill Y. M.		31	79	428		19	90
Parnassus Y. L. M.		17	40	104	11	14	70
Pittsburgh Y. L. M.		10	43	83	20		
Wilkinsburg Y. L. M.			181	364			76
Nine Junior Societies		168		207			
Totals	855	715	2183	8173	608	250	

Rochester

Almonte	33	15	39	72		8	
Syracuse	33	32	53	143	96	13	72
York	39	23		76	32	11	
Totals	105	70	92	291	128	32	

Totals for Synodical	3138	2773	4882	18251	2543	860	
Less auxiliaries		827					
Members W. M. S.		1946					

Missionary Reviews taken 48

No. of Superintendents 177

Balance 1922		$ 508.25
Receipts 1922 and 1923—		
Thankoffering	$2,631.41	
Contingent fund	150.90	
Missionaries' Salaries and Budget	1,149.64	
		$3,931.95
Total		$4,440.20
Disbursements:—		
Salaries Misses Weir and Wilson	$2,480.41	
Other salaries and Budget	1,149.64	
Contingent expenses	160.50	
		$3,790.55
Balance 1923		$ 649.65
Balance in various funds—		
Anna B. Wylie Memorial	$ 50.00	
Thankoffering	330.00	
Contingent	269.65	
Total	$ 649.65	

MRS. W. O. FERGUSON, Treasurer.

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1923

CENTRAL CANADA

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Inc. in M'brshp by Prof.	Inc. in M'brshp by Cert.	Inc. in M'brshp by Death	Dec. in M'brshp by Dis.	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enroll.	Y. P. S. Membership	Tithers	Parsonage	CONTRIBUTIONS: National Reform	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Budget	Totals
Delburne		R. Waddell, Delburne, Alta.	2	2				1	13		25		11	No	$	No Pr.	$ 75	$115	$ 190
Lake Reno		Jos. Hogan, Glenwood, Minn.	3	3	3				52	2	35	15		Yes		600	50	65	715
Regina		A. W. Edgar, 2312 Montage St. Regina	2	2				9	22	1			3	No		171	121	220	512
Winnipeg	F. E. Allen	745 Beverley St., Winnipeg	2	4			1	3	36	4	120		15	No		1246	677	163	2086
Congregations, 4	Ministers, 1	Totals	9	11	3		1	13	123	7	180	15	29	1		$ 2017	$ 923	$ 563	$ 3503

COLORADO

La Junta	J. B. Gilmore	814 Carson Ave.	3	4	3	1	1	4	54	3	75	15		Nc	$	$ 1600	$ 903	$ 1100	$ 3603
Denver	D. Calderwood	174 S. Corona	6	6		1		10	76		145	15	23	No		2500	a 1978	1600	6078
Greeley	C. T. Carson	1426 12th Ave.	5	9	6	5	3	5	165	1	130	45	97	N	214	2000	b 2603	800	5617
	A. I. Robb	Van Nuys, Calif.																	
	H. B. McMillan	Greeley, Colo.																	
	J. G McElhinney	1623 Glenarm Place, Denver																	
Congregations, 3	Ministers, 6	Totals	14	19	9	7	4	19	295	4	350	75	120		$ 214	$ 6100	$ 5484	$ 3500	$15298

(a) For church repairs $1000. (b) For church repairs $500.

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ILLINOIS

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Inc. in M'brshp by Prof.	Inc. in M'brshp by Cert.	Dec. in M'brshp by Death	Dec. in M'brshp by Dis.	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enroll.	Y. P. S. Membership	Tithers	Parsonage	CONTRIBUTIONS: National Reform	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Budget	Totals
Bethel	Melville K. Carson	411 N. Vine St., Sparta, Ill.	6	4	--	--	3	--	69	1	98	30	61	Yes	$	$ 1200	$ 1226	$ 1221	$ 3647
Bloomington	Geo. M. Robb	405 E. 2nd St.	4	5	--	3	--	2	116	3	152	34	114	No	63	1600	1361	1428	4452
Oakdale	J. M. Wylie	Oakdale, Ill.	6	6	2	8	1	5	156	3	147	30	50	No	10	†375	1405	1104	2894
Old Bethel	Owen F. Thompson	Houston, Ill.	5	5	1	4	3	3	*70	3	80	32	65	Yes	34	1150	785	695	2664
Princeton	J. K. Robb	738 E. State St.	3	4	--	4	1	2	*50	1	40	20	----	Yes	-----	1305	786	400	2491
*Selma	S. F. Kingston	822 Union St., Selma, Ala.	5	5	17	6	2	3	103	12	170	----	----	No	-----	262	693	200	1155
	J. M. Coleman	411 N. Vine St., Sparta, Ill.	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	------	------	------	------
	W. M. Robb	Lo Ting, South China	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	------	------	------	------
	G. A. Edgar	Winona Lake, Ind.	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	------	------	------	------
Congregations, 6	Ministers, 9	Totals	29	29	20	25	10	15	564	23	687	146	290	3	$ 107	$ 5892	$ 6256	$ 5048	$17303

* Error in 1922 report. † From Jan. to Mar. 31.

IOWA

Chicago	P. J. McDonald	6128 Ellis Ave., Chicago	7	5	3	5	--	2	38	--	134	20	12	No	$ 248	$ 1398	$ 1209	$ 414	$ 3269
Hopkinton	Geo. S. Coleman	Hopkinton, Iowa	3	3	3	4	1	2	70	4	57	12	33	Yes	-----	1200	802	795	2797
Morning Sun	H. G. Patterson	Morning Sun, Iowa	6	5	3	1	2	8	142	2	84	30	53	Yes	-----	1500	1842	837	4179
Sharon	D. Bruce Martin	Morning Sun, Iowa	7	7	3	1	4	4	190	7	165	40	45	Yes	41	2000	2651	1804	6496
Vernon	E. L. Dewey, Cor.	Mukwonago, Wis., RD 40	--	--	--	--	--	--	29	--	----	----	----	----	-----	------	------	------	------
Washington	W. G. Robb	1005 S. Iowa Ave., Washington, Ia.	3	2	--	--	--	--	21	--	21	----	12	No	20	533	484	215	1252
Rehoboth	W. C. Allen	Wyman, Iowa	3	2	3	--	--	5	28	--	35	----	----	Yes	24	900	693	437	2053
	J. S. McGaw	9th St., Pgh. Nat. Ref. Assn.	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	------	------	------	------
	T. C. McKnight	Beaver Falls, Pa.	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	------	------	------	------
Congregations, 7	Ministers, 8	Totals	29	24	15	11	7	21	518	13	496	102	155	4	$ 333	$ 7531	$ 7680	$4502	$20046

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KANSAS

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Inc. in M'brshp by Prof.	Inc. in M'brshp by Cert.	Dec. in M'brshp by Death	Dec. in M'brshp by Dis.	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enroll.	Y. P. S. Membership	Tithers	Parsonage	CONTRIBUTIONS: National Reform	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Budget	Totals
Beulah	E. G. Russell	Superior, Neb.	3	5	--	--	--	--	74	2	146	35	12	Yes	$	$ 750	$ 1090	$ 585	$ 2425
Superior	E. G. Russell	Superior, Neb.	5	2	--	1	1	1	73	--	70	15	35	No	-----	1250	820	370	2440
Billings	J. W. Lucas, Cor.	Billings, Okla.	3	2	--	--	1	--	19	1	13	----	10	No	2	179	86	102	369
Cache Creek	W. W. Carithers. S. S.	Apache, Okla.	3	2	1	1	1	1	72	8	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	400	400
Clarinda	M. S. McMillan	Clarinda, Iowa, R. R. 3	5	6	3	--	3	2	135	4	152	36	40	Yes	61	2000	2290	3000	7351
Denison	W. O. Ferguson	Denison, Kan.	4	5	2	--	2	1	117	2	110	16	----	No	28	1400	866	784	3078
Eskridge	Samuel Edgar	Eskridge, Kan.	4	3	3	9	1	5	84	--	67	16	20	No	21	d715	1023	335	2094
Hebron	J. R. W. Stevenson	Idana, Kan.	4	5	7	2	1	--	92	5	104	31	62	No	59	1200	751	1005	3015
Kansas City	W. John Adams, Cor.	766 Live Stock Ex., Kan. City, Mo.	4	4	--	2	--	2	77	--	----	----	----	No	64	e1560	1582	1052	4258
Long Branch	Paul Coleman	Blanchard, Iowa	5	6	4	1	3	2	96	--	110	25	17	Yes	80	1200	799	647	2726
Olathe	J. D. Edgar	Olathe, Kan.	5	6	4	1	1	5	115	1	132	33	70	Yes	93	1404	2209	1499	5205
Quinter	E. C. Mitchell	Quinter, Kan.	4	5	4	1	--	*2	106	5	152	34	65	No	-----	1400	510	800	2710
Stafford	J. G. Reed	Stafford, Kan.	6	3	--	--	2	8	56	--	50	8	28	Yes	----	1200	690	285	2175
Sterling	G. R. Steele	Sterling, Kan.	7	9	11	14	3	6	178	†3	172	113	45	Yes	-----	1800	2802	1054	5656
Tabor	T. K. Tippin, Cor.	Miltonvale, Kan.	2	1	--	--	--	--	a17	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Topeka	D. R. Taggart	922 Clay St., Topeka, Kan.	4	6	4	2	--	7	87	†1	112	27	50	Yes	136	1700	2574	900	5310
Winchester	E. K. Patton	Winchester, Kan.	9	5	10	4	--	2	218	†5	220	39	125	Yes	395	1800	3454	812	6461
Irving Pl. Mission	Under Care Topeka		--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mineola Mission	Under Care Stafford	W. J. Wallace, Mineola, Kan. Cor.	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	J. W. Dill	Sterling, Kan.	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	Isaiah Faris	1112 W. 8th St., Topeka, Kan.	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	G. R. McBurney	Sterling, Kan.	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	A. J. McFarland	Latakia, Syria	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	A. M. Thompson	1106 N.Sycamore St.SantaAna,Cal	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	R. C. Adams	Tak Hing, So. China	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	J. C. Mitchel	Tak Hing, So. China	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	D. H. Elliott	1101 W. 10th St., Topeka, Kan.	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	W. A. Aikin	Hemet, Cal.	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
	Alvin W. Smith	Winchester, Kan.	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	--	----	----	----	----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Congregations, 17	Ministers, 23	Totals	77	75	53	39	19	44	1616	37	1610	428	579	8	$ 939	$19558	$21546	$13630	$55673

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NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Inc. in M'bership by Prof.	Inc. in M'bership by Cert.	Dec. in M'bership by Death	Dec. in M'bership by Dis.	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrolim't	Y. P. S. Membership	Tithers	Parsonages	CONTRIBUTIONS: National Reform	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Budget	Totals
Cornwallis	Thos McFall	Somerset, Nova Scotia	2	--	--	--	4	--	41	3	--	--	--	--	$ --	$ 600	$ 79	$ 203	$ 882
Barnesville	(W. J. Curry, Elder)	Barnesville, Kings Co., N. B.	1	--	--	--	1	--	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	50	50
Congregations 2	Ministers, 1	Totals	3	--	--	--	5	--	56	3	--	--	--	--	$ --	$ 600	$ 79	$ 253	$ 932

NEW YORK

Barnet	D. B. Elsey	East Ryegate, Vt.	4	2	2	--	2	1	59	†2	60	25	25	No	$ --	$ 1400	$ 359	$ 395	$ 2154
First Boston	W. J. McKnight	200 Willow Av. Sommerv'le, Mass	3	3	7	7	6	5	70	2	50	25	20	No	--	2000	750	290	3040
Second Boston	J. M. Foster	59 Pinckney St. Boston, Mass.	3	2	--	--	--	4	34	--	25	--	10	No	200	1800	600	647	3247
Bovina	T. D. Russell, Cor.	Delhi, N. Y.	2	2	3	1	2	--	54	--	60	20	--	No	--	500	645	620	1765
Cambridge	John K. Gault	20 St. Paul St., Cambridge, Mass.	4	6	2	--	3	5	64	2	74	--	25	No	--	2000	1587	400	3987
Coldenham	R. J. Dodds	Walden, N. Y.	5	3	--	1	1	--	50	--	--	--	23	Yes	--	600	84	325	1009
Montclair	T. M. Slater	35 Brookfield Rd. Montclair, N. J.	2	4	4	3	--	1	35	--	46	24	12	No	--	1200	611	650	2461
First Newburg	J. W. F. Carlisle	283 Liberty St., Newburg, N. Y.	3	5	1	--	1	--	108	--	85	30	--	No	--	1800	1100	1252	4152
Second New York	Walter McCarroll	1182 Woodycrest Ave., N. Y. City	9	4	5	5	2	9	174	--	308	38	--	No	100	4000	9340	5160	18600
Third New York	F. M. Foster	111 E. 177th St., New York City	5	5	2	--	--	12	86	1	50	25	--	No	--	3500	6300	596	10396
Walton	Boyd A. White	Walton, N. Y.	5	7	--	2	1	2	104	1	113	30	60	No	21	1680	1347	1008	4056
*West Hebron	Mrs. Rebecca C. Keys	Cossayuma, N. Y.	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	50	50
White Lake	John H. Pritchard	White Lake, N. Y.	3	3	2	--	1	--	38	--	83	20	--	No	5	800	479	320	1604
	Julius Kempf	Tak Hing Chau, South China	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
	T. A. Rusk	Shellb'rne Ave., Londondale, Pa.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Congregations, 13	Ministers, 13	Totals	50	47	28	19	19	39	876	8	854	237	171	1	$ 326	$21280	$23202	$11713	$56521

† Adults.

* Last year's report.

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OHIO

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Inc. in M'bership by Prof.	Inc. in M'bership by Cert.	Dec. in M'b'rship by Death	Dec. in M'bership by Dis.	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollm't	Y. P. S. Membership	Tithers	Parsonages	CONTRIBUTIONS: National Reform	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Budget	Totals
Belle Center	R. W. Piper	Belle Center, Ohio	3	3	2	--	--	--	34	--	25	10	13	Yes	$ 16	$ 806	$ 393	$ 269	$ 1484
Bellefontaine	H. G. Foster	301 N. Madriver St.	2	3	1	--	--	--	45	--	115	20	25	No	----	800	514	35	1349
Cedarville	W. R. Sterrett, Cor.	Cedarville, Ohio	1	1	--	--	--	--	‡20	1	9	----	5	No	17	243	105	110	475
Cincinnati	E. M. Elsey	2411 Moerlein Ave.	3	3	4	7	--	3	43	†1	90	25	----	----	----	1685	702	1143	3530
Hetherton	H. G. McConaughy	Hetherton, Mich.	3	3	2	2	3	8	54	2	48	14	20	No	7	1000	284	250	1541
Jonathan's Creek	A. R. McFarland, Cor.	So. Zanesville, Ohio, R. D.	2	2	--	--	1	--	30	--	35	---	20	No	----	492	351	560	1403
New Concord	Jesse W. Wilson, Cor.	New Concord, Ohio	4	5	--	--	--	--	45	--	30	----	25	No	23	465	611	656	1755
Ray	Wilson Duguid, Cor.	Ray, Ind.	2	1	--	--	2	--	17	--	23	----	4	No	----	345	107	55	507
Southfield	James B. Cannon, Cor.	Birmingham, Mich.	4	4	--	--	1	--	63	--	54	36	---	No	40	545	380	465	1430
United Miami	R. Hargrave	Huntsville, Ohio	7	5	7	1	--	--	97	†1	80	25	40	Yes	----	1200	450	919	2569
*Utica	W. A. Hervey, Cor.	Utica, Ohio	3	3	--	--	--	29	25	6	40	----	----	No	6	700	660	145	1511
Muskg'm & Tomica			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	----	----	----	----
Londonderry (M. S.)			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	----	----	----	----
	R. S. McElhinney	Bloomington, Ind.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	----	----	----	----
	T. C. Sproul	619 N. Euclid St., Pittsburgh, Pa.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	----	----	----	----
	W. S. Fulton	Belle Center, Ohio	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	----	----	----	----
Congregations, 11	Ministers, 8	Totals	34	33	16	10	7	40	473	11	549	130	152	2	$ 109	$ 8281	$ 4557	$ 4607	$17554

* Last year's report ‡ Adjustment of roll † Adult

PACIFIC COAST

Fresno	Willis M. McNeel	1056 Shields Ave., R 1, Bx 541 A Fresno, Cal.	3	1	1	--	2	9	22	--	14	9	18	No	$ ----	$ 1000	$ 128	$ 150	$ 1278
Hemet	(John W. Wylie, Cor.)	Hemet, Cal.	3	4	1	1	--	1	34	1	44	15	24	No	84	1305	371	242	2002
Los Angeles	A. A. Samson	468 West Ave. 52	5	6	5	9	--	5	104	3	190	36	51	No	103	2000	2638	1858	6599
Portland	(Edw. McBurney, Cor.)	738 Williams Ave.	3	3	--	1	--	3	28	--	90	7	16	No	----	1057	675	150	1882
Santa Ana	G. N. Greer	720 E. Third St.	3	4	--	2	2	1	86	4	90	22	40	No	251	1800	963	1450	4464
Seattle	M. R. Jameson	1620 Boren Ave.	7	5	3	--	1	5	86	--	150	36	45	No	98	†1040	4413	891	6442
	J. S. Thompson	Hemet, Cal.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	----	----	----	----
	F. D. Frazer	1202 Haight St., Portland, Ore.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	----	----	----	----	----
Congregations, 6	Ministers, 6	Totals	24	23	10	13	5	24	360	8	578	125	194		$ 536	$ 8202	$ 9188	$ 4741	$22667

† 5 months.

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PITTSBURGH

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															National Reform	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Budget	Totals	
Adamsville (M. S.)	R. J. McCracken, Cor.	West Sunbury, Pa., R. R. 2						6	4					No	$	$	$	$	$	
Allegheny	W. J. Coleman	2325 Osgood St., Pittsburgh, Pa.	5			1	3	8	84	2	70	33	65	No	6	2150	6098	1959	10213	
Bear Run and Mahoning	Clark Pollock, Cor.	Marion Center, R. D. 1, Pa.	3					3	32		55		20	Yes	10	355	99	370	834	
Beaver Falls	J. Boyd Tweed	Patterson Hgts. Beaver Falls, Pa.	4	3	11	2	2		124	(12) 9	200	50	36	Yes	34	1800	1244	714	3792	
Brookland	R. A. Blair, S. S.	Parnassus, Pa.	2					1	15					No		150			150	
Central Allegheny	R. C. Reed	204 Langely St., Pittsburgh, Pa.	3		2		2		80	(1) 2	225	20	50	No	50	2183	1786	1103	5122	
College Hill	R. W. Redpath	3216 5th Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.	8	6	44		2	(9)11	203	(10)28	263	39	107	No	2015	2400	6844	1604	12863	
Connellsville	J. M. Johnston	832 Morrell Av., Connellsville, Pa.	4		9		1	6	53	(2) 3	110	30	18	No	63	1800	919	500	3282	
East End	E. L. McKnight	819 Behan St., N S Pittsburgh, Pa.	5	5	4	5		3	73	4	94	32	14	No	5	1500	1982	306	3793	
Geneva	J. C. Slater	415 31st St., Beaver Falls, Pa.	4	5	2		2	2	88	3	172	25		Yes	17	1800	1963	1602	5382	
Little Beaver	R. G. Young, Cor.	New Galilee, Pa.	3	4		5	1	3	54		55		5	Yes		1200	400	52	1652	
Mercer	W. T. K. Thompson	240 S. Erie St. Mercer Pa.	4	4	3		3	2	56	2	45		30	No		1300	507	200	2007	
Millers Run	S. G. Conner	R. D. 4 McDonald, Pa.	2					3	42		55		22	No	57	1200	90	1400	2747	
New Alexandria	D. C. Mathews	New Alexandria, Pa.	5	2	3		6	1	103	2	119	25	25	Yes	40	1500	540	2126	4206	
New Castle	E. A. Crooks	605 Oak St., New Castle, Pa.	4	8	7	4	4	10	145	(4) 7	230	45	65	Yes	120	2300	2289	1151	5860	
North Union (M. S.)	D. N. Crow, Cor.	Renfrew, Pa.	1		2		2		29		29		6	No		325	20	255	600	
Parnassus	Robert A. Blair	Parnassus, Pa.	4	2		1	1		62		144	17	44	Yes	50	1200	1605	1205	4060	
Pine Creek	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	1					4	9		10		6	No	10	155	59	135	359	
Pittsburgh	T. H. Acheson	117 W. McIntyre St., Pgh. Pa.	5	7	5	2	4	15	162	(3) 3	100	22	75	No	802	2600	7939	6015	17356	
Rehoboth	J. T. Mitchell	R. D. 1, Mosgrove, Pa.	3	4		3			36	1	34		13	Yes		650	112	200	962	
Slippery Rock	Vance T. Wilson Cor.	Rose Point, Pa.	4	3	1			4	45	2	65		40	Yes		1030	302	827	2159	
Syrian	A. J. Khouri	310 Savannah Av., Wilkinsb'g. Pa.	2		2			2	26	4	35	20		No		500	600		1100	

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Union	A. Kilpatrick	Valencia, Pa.	2	1	---	4	3	1	43		1	60	---	12	No	$ 18	$ 306	$ 322	$ 405	$ 1051
Wilkinsburg	J. B. Willson	810 S. Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.	4		6	3	2	2	139	(7) 2	187	80	46	Yes	274	2000	1127	4929	8330
Youngstown	F. F. Reade	849 Parkwood Ave., Youngst'n, O.	3	3	(5)3	--	--	2	41	(6) 3	78	12	22	No	24	1200	1387	284	2895
	T. J. Allen	1808 Eighth Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Robert Clarke	3207 College Ave. Beaver Falls, Pa	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	John Coleman	2915 College Ave. Beaver Falls, Pa	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	S. J. Crowe	116 Garfield Ave., New Castle, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	C. A. Dodds	126 Annabel St., Pittsburgh, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	A. A. Johnston	Patterson Hgts, Beaver Falls, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	J. S. Martin	3110 Fifth Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	R. H. Martin	3411 Fifth Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	W. C. McClurkin	Lafayette Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	T. H. McElwain	Rose Point, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	J. C. McFeeters	Parnassus, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	R. J. McIsaac	Selma, Ala.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	R. J. G. McKnight	1311 Singer Place, Wilkinsb'g, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	Robert Park	3022 Fourth Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	J. L. Pinkerton	Waupauca, Wis.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	B. M. Sharp	408 Penn Bldg, Pittsburgh, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	J. S. Stewart	709 N. Mercer St., New Castle, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	J. R. Wylie	3231 Fourth Ave., Beaver Falls, Pa	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	R. C. Wylie	119 W. McIntyre Ave., Pittsb'h, Pa.	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	John Yates	3214 N. Second St., Harrisburg, Pa	--	--	---	--	--	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Congregations, 23	Ministers, 38	Totals	85	57	104	30	38	89	1748	78	2435	450	721	10	$3595	$31604	$38234	$27342	100775

(2 mission stations). (1) Adults 2. (2) Adults 2. (3) Adults 1. (4) Adults 3. (5) 2 Reinstated. (6) Adults 1. (7) Adults 1.
(8) From last year's report. (9) 6 Purged from roll. (10) Adults 22. (12) Adults 2.

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1923

PHILADELPHIA

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Elders	Deacons	Inc. in M'bership by Prof.	Inc. in M'bership by Cert.	Dec. in M'bership by Death	Dec. in M'bership by Dis.	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollm't	Y. P. S. Membership	Tithers	Parsonages	CONTRIBUTIONS: National Reform	Salray Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Budget	Totals
First Church	Samuel E. Greer	206 S. 43rd St.	5	6	7	6	5	4	‡146	2	80	35	----	No	$ 74	$ 2800	$ 2222	$ 1823	$ 6919
Second Church	Frank L. Stewart	1619 Summer St.	4	7	10	3	4	7	134	3	96	30	72	No	11	2250	2481	2094	6836
Third Church	Findley M. Wilson	2410 N. Marshall St.	6	4	6	6	3	13	‡150	2	225	25	85	No	500	3000	2675	7878	14053
Orlando Church	W. J. McBurney	Orlando, Florida, R. D. 1	3	2	3	6	..	..	59	..	65	26	....	No	.....	1000	3448	400	4848
	M. M. Pearce	215 Buckingham Pl., Phila., Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Congregations, 4	Ministers, 5	Totals	18	19	26	21	12	24	489	7	466	116	157		$ 585	$9050	$10826	$12195	$32656

‡ Roll purged.

ROCHESTER

Almonte	J. M. Rutherford	Almonte, Canada	4	4	..	1	..	1	66	1	54	22	66	Yes	$....	$ 1000	$ 643	$ 300	$ 1943
Lisbon	Albert A. Robson, Cor.	Lisbon, N. Y.	3	2	1	..	..	..	25	..	13	....	1	No	.....	255	25	70	350
Lochiel	J. R. Latimer	Glen Sanfield, Ont.	2	3	2	..	..	..	22	1	20	....	6	Yes	.....	312	100	313	725
Syracuse	Alva A. Wylie	116 E. Lafayette St.	4	5	2	..	..	..	53	1	100	29	40	No	.....	2200	1085	2123	5408
York	W. J. Sanderson	York, N. Y.	5	4	..	..	1	1	67	2	65	20	30	Yes	....	1050	1134	661	2845
	Wm. McFarland	222 W. Lafy'te Av., Syracuse, N.Y.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	James McCune	445 Biddle St., Wilkinsburg' Pa.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Congregations, 5	Ministers, 6	Totals	18	18	5	1	1	2	233	5	252	71	143	3	$....	$ 4817	$ 2987	$ 3467	$11271

STATISTICS OF THE PRESBYTERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1923

FOREIGN MISSIONS

CONGREGATIONS	MINISTERS	ADDRESS	Communicants
Tak Hing, China			416
Lo Ting, China			268
Latakia, Syria	Khalil Awad	Latakia, Syria	240
Cyprus Mission			52
Asia Minor Stations			*18
	Mikhail Lattoof	Tarsus, banished to Alexandretta	
Congregations	Ministers	Totals	994

* Last year's report.

SUMMARY

PRESBYTERIES	Congregations	Ministers	Elders	Deacons	Inc. in M'bership by Prof.	Inc. in M'bership by Cert.	Dec. in M'bership by Death	Dec. in M'brship by Dis.	Communicants	Baptisms	Sabbath School Enrollm t	Y. P. S. Membership	Tithers	Parsonages	CONTRIBUTIONS: National Reform	Salary Paid by Congregation	Miscellaneous	Budget	Totals
Central Canada	4	1	9	11	3	---	1	13	123	7	180	15	29	1	$	$ 2017	$ 923	$ 563	$ 3503
Colorado	3	6	14	19	9	7	4	19	295	4	350	75	120	---	214	6100	5484	3500	15298
Illinois	6	9	29	29	20	25	10	15	564	23	687	146	290	3	107	5892	6256	5048	17303
Iowa	7	8	29	24	15	11	7	21	518	13	496	102	155	4	333	7531	7680	4502	20046
Kansas	17	23	77	75	53	39	19	44	1616	37	1610	428	579	8	939	19558	21546	13630	55673
N. B. and N. S.	2	1	3	---	---	---	5	---	56	3	---	---	---	---	---	600	79	253	932
New York	13	13	50	47	28	19	19	39	876	8	854	237	171	1	326	21280	23202	11713	56521
Ohio	11	8	34	33	16	10	7	40	473	11	549	130	152	2	109	8281	4557	4607	17554
Pacific Coast	6	6	24	23	10	13	5	24	360	8	578	125	194	---	536	8202	9188	4741	22667
Philadelphia	4	5	18	19	26	21	12	24	489	7	466	116	157	---	585	9050	10826	12195	32656
Pittsburgh	23	38	85	57	104	30	38	89	1748	78	2435	450	721	10	3595	31604	38234	27342	100775
Rochester	5	6	18	18	5	1	1	2	233	5	252	71	143	3	-----	4817	2987	3467	11271
Foreign Missions	5	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	994	---	---	---	---	---	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Totals	106	126	390	355	289	176	128	320	8345	204	8457	1895	2711	32	$6744	$124932	$130962	$91561	$354199